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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE

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UNITED STATES

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AT

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions, convened in General Convention, in Woodstock, Va., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the Thirteenth, and continued until the Nineteenth day of the month inclusive, at 12¼ o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened *in General Convention*, on Wednesday evening, October 13th, A. D. 1880, at 7 o'clock, in the Reformed Church of Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Va., pursuant to appointment of last annual meeting, and was opened with the usual liturgical services. The President of the previous year, Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D., preached the opening sermon from 1 Thess. 2: 4—"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers :—Jacob O. Miller, D. D., William K. Zieber, D. D., Reinhart R. Smith, Israel S. Weisz, D. D., Moses Kieffer, D. D., Andrew J. Heller, William F. Colliflower, John Kretzing, Frederick J. Sauerber, William H. Xanders, Silas F. Laury, William R. H. Deatrich, Aaron Spangler, and George E. Addams.

Elders :—Charles A. Shultz, Dietrich Hildebrand, Esq., George H. Stambaugh, Charles H. Ruff, Dr. Joshua E. Singer, Henry S. Rohrbach, John P. Butt, and Henry Wirt.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers :—Joseph W. Santee, D. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., William Goodrich, Simon S. Miller, Joel T. Rossiter, Nehemiah H. Skyles, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Ambrose C. Geary, Anthony Shulenberger, Leighton G. Kremer, Silas M. Hench, Charles

F. Sontag, George L. Staley, D. D., J. Spangler Kieffer, John G. Noss, Marion L. Firor, Abner R. Kremer, and P. Allison Long.

Elders:—Peter Middlekauff, Samuel Dutrow, Joseph Seibert, John Shifler, Martin H. Beachley, Samuel D. Piper, Josiah B. Zimmerman, Jacob H Lichliter, Joseph D. Andes, Dr. M. A. Berry, Ezra Williard, H. Wirt Shriver, John M. Hoffman, J. Taylor Motter, and William H. Haugh.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers:—William M. Deatrick, Isaac G. Brown, Ellis N. Kremer, David M. Whitmore, David N. Dittmar, John M. Schick, Isaac M. Motter, David W. Ebbert, William C. Cremer, J. David Miller, J. Alvin Reber, Henry S. Garner, Elnathan E. Higbee, D. D., John H. Sykes, Isaac N. Peightel, and Milton H. Sangree.

Elders:—Andrew R. Schnebly, John P. Reed, Esq., B. Franklin Diehl, Abraham Whetstone, David Grove, Frederick A. Daihl, Isaac H. Keefer, Jacob Reed, Conrad Glazer, and Samuel B. Snively.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers:—George H. Martin, D. D., Henry St. John Rinker, Samuel N. Callender, D. D., John A. Hoffheins, John C. Bowman, Barton R. Carnahan, Samuel L. Whitmore, Henry Tallhelm, Anderson J. Whitmore, Joseph S. Loose, and Lawrence M. Hensell.

Elders:—William H. Bargelt, Americus J. Souder, William A. Cushwa, Ephraim Will, Dr. David E. Strain, Dr. Theodore N. Sellers, Samuel Summey, John F. Crawn, Jacob Lantz, Richard L. Gray, and John M. Stoner.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

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ADVISORY MEMBER.

Elder J. Heyser of Mercersburg Classis.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following ministers was announced from time

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NOTE.—A considerable number of the members appeared upon the floor of Synod after the first session. Hence their names do not occur in the order in which they would appear, had they been present at the first roll-call. A number of the members also obtained leave of absence during the sessions of Synod, in order to return home.

to time, during the sessions of Synod, to wit: F. A. Richey and W. C. Maloy of the Methodist Church, and William Bowman, D. D. of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. G. H. Martin *President*, Woodstock, Va.
Rev. W. K. Zieber, *Vice-President*, Hanover, Pa.
Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.
Rev. A. J. Heller, *Corresponding Secretary*, Arendtsville, Pa.
Dr. L. H. Steiner, *Treasurer*, Frederick, Md.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order, as adopted at the first annual meeting of Synod, were read. The limits constituting the *Bar of the House* were defined, agreeably to these Rules, to consist of the first six pews from the chancel railing.

On motion, the following plan was reiterated for the formation of the Synodic Roll for the next meeting of Synod, viz:

1. It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk of each Classis to furnish the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the time of meeting of next Synod, with a certified list or roll of all the ministers and pastoral charges on the Roll of Classis at the time.

2. At least ten days prior to the convening of the next annual meeting of Synod, each pastoral charge shall be required to send the proper credentials of its delegated elder or elders to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

3. The Stated Clerk of Synod shall, from these data, form a provisional roll, which shall be called immediately after the Synodical sermon has been preached, and the names of those responding shall constitute the opening Synodical Roll for the purpose of organization.

The following preamble and resolution, having reference to a revision of the Rules of Order, were adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, The Rules of Order, used in transacting the business of Synod, were formed more than fifty years ago, for the most part; and,

WHEREAS some of these Rules conflict somewhat with the Con-

stitution of the Church, as it now is; and some of them are at variance with well-established rules in legislative bodies; therefore,

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to revise our Rules of Order, so that they may be better adapted for the transacting of the business of Synod; the committee to report to Synod before final adjournment.

The President appointed the following members of Synod this committee, viz: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, S. N. Callender, W. K. Zieber, and Elders J. P. Reed and S. Dutrow.

The Committee reported, during Monday morning's session, the following Rules of Order, which were received, ordered to be incorporated in the Minutes, and further action thereon was postponed until the next annual meeting of Synod. The Rules of Order reported by the Committee are as follows, to wit:

RULES OF ORDER.

ORGANIZATION OF SYNOD.

Article I.—At least ten days before the time appointed for the Synod to meet, the Stated Clerk of each Classis shall furnish the Stated Clerk of Synod with a certified list or roll of all the ministers and pastoral charges on the Classical Roll, at the time.

Article II.—At least ten days previous to the convening of Synod, whenever the meeting shall be in general convention, each pastoral charge shall be required to send the proper credentials of its delegated elder or elders to the Stated Clerk of Synod; however, should the Synod meet as a delegated body, then it shall be the duty of the Stated Clerks of the respective Classes constituting the Synod, to furnish the credentials of their delegates to the Stated Clerk of Synod, at the time specified.

Article III—The Stated Clerk of Synod shall, from those data, form a provisional roll, which shall be called immediately after the Synodical or opening sermon has been preached, and the names of those responding shall constitute the opening Synodical Roll, for the purpose of organization.

Article IV.—The Officers of the Synod shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Stated Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary; all of whom shall be annually elected, with the exception of the Stated Clerk, whose term of office and specific duties are defined by the Constitution of the Church.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

Article V.—The President of the previous year shall preach the opening sermon, and in his absence this duty shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

Article VI.—The President shall take the chair precisely at the

hour to which the Synod stands adjourned; he shall immediately call the members to order, and shall open or cause the session to be opened with a hymn and prayer. He shall then ascertain whether or not a quorum be present.

Article VII.—It shall be the duty of the President, at all times, to preserve order and guard against the violation of the Constitution or the established Rules of Order; to carefully keep notes of such items of business as have been deferred or assigned to particular days or times, and to call them up at the time appointed; to appoint all committees, except in those cases in which the Synod shall decide otherwise; and to conduct all business before Synod to a speedy and proper conclusion.

Article VIII.—The President may speak with regard to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Synod, which may be taken by any member, with a second. In this case, the member appealing may briefly state the grounds of his appeal, and the President may briefly reply. The Chair shall then put the question in the following form: Shall the appeal from the decision of the Chair be sustained? And unless the appeal shall be sustained by two-thirds of the members voting it shall be considered lost, and the President's decision shall stand.

Article IX.—The duties of the Vice-President, in addition to that already specified, shall be such as generally belong to that office in deliberative bodies.

Article X.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, as soon as possible after the opening of the Synod, to form a complete roll of the members present, and place the same in the hands of the President; to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Synod; to read all papers handed him by the President for that purpose; and to file all papers in the order in which they have been read, with proper endorsements.

Article XI.—The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Synod, and shall apply them according to its direction. The election of Treasurer shall not take place ordinarily until after his annual report shall have been submitted to the Synod.

Article XII.—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence of the Synod, and, immediately after the appointment of any committee, he shall furnish the chairman thereof with a list of the names of the committee, as well as with its specific duties.

RULES OF ORDER PROPER.

Article XIII.—If a quorum be not assembled at the hour appointed, any two members shall be competent to adjourn from

time to time, that an opportunity may be given for a quorum to assemble.

Article XIV.—After the appearance of a quorum, the Synod shall proceed to business. The business shall be taken up in such order as shall conform most nearly to that laid down in the *Lemmata* adopted by the Synod. The business referred to Standing Committees shall have the precedence, excepting subjects that may have been assigned to some particular hour.

Article XV.—The Synod, immediately after it has completed its organization, shall define the limits which shall constitute the *Bar of the House*, and no member shall be allowed to take part in the discussion, or to vote on any question, who is not at the time within these limits.

Article XVI.—After the first day, the Journal or minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning, corrected if necessary, and approved. After the Journal has been read, and corrected if necessary, the President shall say: "Shall the Journal be approved?" If no objections be made, he will declare the minutes approved.

Article XVII.—Business left unfinished at a preceding meeting, shall ordinarily be first taken up at the succeeding one.

Article XVIII.—When the presiding officer takes the chair, the members shall at once come to order, and, during the transaction of business, they shall not engage in conversation ; nor shall one member address himself to another, or to any person present, in debate, except by permission from the President.

Article XIX.—Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the President, and shall treat his fellow-members, and especially the President, with decorum and respect, confining himself to the subject in debate, and carefully avoiding all personalities.

Article XX.—It is indispensable that members of Synod maintain great gravity and dignity ; that they attend closely in their speeches to the subject under consideration, and avoid all prolix and desultory harangues; and, when they deviate from the subject, it is the privilege of any member, and the duty of the President, to call them to order.

Article XXI.—Members, when presenting a paper or communication, shall first state its import. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by his own permission, unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentation, or by a call for the previous question.

Article XXII.—If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the member who is most distant from the President's chair shall speak first.

Article XXIII.—When more than three members of the Synod

shall be standing at the same time, the President shall require all to take their seats, except the person who may be speaking.

Article XXIV.—If any member act, in any respect, in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the President, to call him to order.

Article XXV.—A motion made must be seconded, and afterwards repeated or read aloud by the President, before it is debatable; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any member require it.

Article XXVI.—Any member who shall have made a motion, shall have liberty to withdraw it, with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon, but not afterwards, without leave of the Synod.

Article XXVII.—A question regularly before the Synod, or under debate, can only be interrupted by a motion to amend, to commit or refer, to postpone, to take the previous question, or to adjourn.

Article XXVIII.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, excepting when, on the call for the previous question, the main question shall have been ordered, and shall be decided without debate.

Article XXIX.—On questions of order, commitment or reference, no member shall speak more than once. On all other debatable questions each member may speak twice, but not oftener, without leave of the Synod.

Article XXX.—If a motion, under debate, contains several parts, any member may call for a division, and may have the question taken on each part separately.

Article XXXI.—Members ought not, without weighty reasons, to decline voting, as this practice might leave the decision of very interesting and important questions to a small portion of the Synod. Silent members, unless excused from voting, must be considered as acquiescing in the vote of the majority.

Article XXXII.—When the President has begun to take the vote no further debate shall be admitted, unless it appear that a mistake has occurred ; in which case the mistake shall be corrected, and the President shall recommence taking the vote.

Article XXXIII.—When a vote is taken by ballot, the President shall vote with the other members ; but he shall not vote in any other case, unless the Synod shall be equally divided ; when, if he do not choose to vote, the question shall be lost.

Article XXXIV.—No amendment shall be entertained by the President which destroys the general sense of the original section, clause or paragraph of a report or motion.

Article XXXV.—The previous question on any motion shall not

be called until after a reasonable time shall have been afforded to discuss it. The call to be entertained must be made by at least ten members rising in their places for the purpose. The previous question shall be in this form: Shall the main question be now put? And until it is decided, all further amendment or debate on the main question shall be precluded. The effect of a call for the previous question, when sustained, shall be to bring the Synod to a direct vote on the amendments, if any are pending, in their proper order, and then on the main question itself.

Article XXXVI.—A question shall not be again called up or reconsidered at the same annual session of the Synod, in which it has been decided, unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted with the majority.

Article XXXVII.—The person, first named on any committee, shall be considered as the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee; and, in case of his absence or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties.

Article XXXVIII.—When different motions are made with respect to the filling of blanks with particular numbers or times, the question shall always be taken first, on the highest number, and on the longest time.

Article XXXIX.—No member shall be permitted to enter a protest against any decision of Synod. If a member feel himself aggrieved by any such decision, the *Yeas* and *Nays* in the case shall be recorded, if he require it.

Article XL.—The Committee on Nominations shall always report a double set of names as nominees for the vacancies occurring in the several Boards of Synod, etc. Their report shall be open to amendment or change.

Article XLI.—The Synod may sit in private, on business which, in its judgment, ought not to be matter of public discussion. The Synod may also, by a majority vote, hold what are commonly termed interlocutory meetings, or Committees of the whole Synod, in which members may freely converse together, without the usual formalities of Synodical proceedings.

Article XLII.—If a member withdraw from Synod without leave from the President, or return home without the consent of Synod, he shall incur the censure of Synod.

Article XLIII.—At the final adjournment of Synod, after appropriate religious services, the President shall pronounce the Apostolic Benediction.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the current sessions of Synod, viz:

The forenoon session to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock. The afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 5 o'clock. An evening session was held on Monday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the President, to wit:

Religious Services: Revs. H. St. J. Rinker, N. H. Skyles, S. S. Miller, B. R. Carnahan, and Elders W. H. Bargelt, E. Will, and T. N. Sellers.

Minutes of Synod: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. T. Rossiter, J. A. Reber, S. M. Hench, and Elders A. J. Souder, W. A. Cushwa, and B. F. Diehl.

Overtures: Revs. W. F. Colliflower, J. M. Schick, D. N. Dittmar, L. G. Kremer, and Elders D. Hildebrand, J. Shifler, and D. Grove.

Minutes of Classes: Revs. W. C. Cremer, A. J. Heller, D. M. Whitmore, D. W. Ebbert, and Elders G. H. Stambaugh, J. E. Singer, and P. Middlekauff.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination: Revs. M. Kieffer, I. G. Brown, T. F. Hoffmeier, J. C. Bowman, and Elders A. R. Schnebly, J. P. Reed, and D. E. Strain.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports: Revs. J. W. Santee, J. Kretzing, A. C. Geary, R. R. Smith, and Elders C. H. Ruff, H. S. Rohrbach, and M. H. Beachley.

Education: Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, F. J. Sauerber, A. Shulenberger, W. H. Xanders, and Elders J. H. Lichliter, J. B. Zimmerman, and C. Glazer.

Missions: Revs. E. R. Eschbach, W. K. Zieber, S. F. Laury, C. F. Sontag, and Elders C. A. Shultz, S. Dutrow, and S. D. Piper.

Publication: Revs. S. N. Callender, E. N. Kremer, J. D. Miller, I. M. Motter, and Elders A. Whetstone, F. A. Daihl, and J. Reed.

Finance: Revs. J. O. Miller, J. T. Rossiter, J. M. Schick, S. L. Whitmore, and Elders I. H. Keefer, J. P. Reed, and W. H. Bargelt.

Nominations: Revs. W. Goodrich, A. J. Heller, D. W. Ebbert, B. R. Carnahan, and Elders J. Seibert, W. A. Cushwa, and B. F. Diehl.

Ministerial Necrology: Revs. I. S. Weisz, I. G. Brown, J. C. Bowman, L. G. Kremer, and Elders T. N. Sellers, D. E. Strain, and J. D. Andes.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Portland-Oregon, Zion, and San Francisco were received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Report of the Board of Education was laid before Synod and read, and was then referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary were received and read, and then referred to the same committee.

5. The Annual Reports of the Board of Missions, of the Superintendent of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions were received and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

6. Four other communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services, viz:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee on Religious Services would beg leave to report the following services to be observed by this Synod during its sessions, in the order and at the time named:

Thursday Evening, 7 *o'clock.*—Sermon by the Rev. F. J. Sauerber, and altar service by the Revs. E. R. Eschbach and E. N. Kremer.

Friday Evening, 7 *o'clock.*—Sunday-school Anniversary Service, presided over by the President of the Sunday-school Board, and altar services by Revs. D. N. Dittmar and D. W. Ebbert. Topic to be discussed: "The Sunday-school Teacher and Sunday-school Literature;" to be opened by Rev. W. R. H. Deatrich, followed by Rev. I. S. Weisz, with short addresses by members of Synod.

Saturday Afternoon, 2 *o'clock.*—Preparatory services: sermon or address by the Rev. M. Kieffer, and altar services by the Revs. J. A. Hoffheins and G. L. Staley.

Saturday Evening, 7 *o'clock.*—Missionary meeting, presided over by the President of the Board of Missions, with addresses by Revs. W. K. Zieber, M. L. Firor, and W. C. Cremer.

Sunday Morning, 11 *o'clock.*—Communion services: sermon by the Rev. E. R. Eschbach, and altar services by the Revs. I. G. Brown and W. K. Zieber.

Sunday Afternoon, 2:30 *o'clock.*—Sunday-School services conducted by the Superintendent of the School, with addresses by the Revs. W. Goodrich, G. E. Addams, and E. N. Kremer.

Sunday Evening, 7 *o'clock.*—Sermon by the Rev. E. E. Higbee, and altar services by Revs. J. G. Noss and A. J. Heller.

SERVICES IN OTHER CHURCHES.

Harrisville Reformed Church.—Sunday Morning, sermon by the Rev. J. C. Bowman. *Afternoon*, sermon by Rev. D. M. Whitmore.

Presbyterian Church.—Friday Evening, 7 *o'clock*, sermon by the Rev. L. G. Kremer. *Sunday Morning*, 11 *o'clock*, sermon by the Rev. J. T. Rossiter. *Sunday Evening*, 7 *o'clock*, sermon by the Rev. C. F. Sontag.

Methodist Church—Sunday Morning, 11 *o'clock*, sermon by the Rev. E. N. Kremer, and at 7 P. M., sermon by the Rev. I. S. Weisz.

Lutheran Church—Sunday Morning, 11 *o'clock*, sermon by the Rev. I. N. Peightel, and at 7 P. M., sermon by the Rev. W. H. Xanders.

Church of the Disciples.—Sunday Morning, sermon by the Rev. A. R. Kremer, and *evening*, sermon by the Rev. J. H. Sykes.

African Church.—Sunday Morning, sermon by the Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, and in the *evening*, sermon by Rev. J. Kretzing.

Respectfully submitted.

H. St. J. Rinker, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly by the Synod was dispensed with, and the Printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last Annual Sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report the items of unfinished business, claiming the attention of this meeting of the Synod. During the session of Thursday Forenoon, this Committee submitted the following report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Printed Minutes of Synod of last year, after a careful perusal of them, beg leave to report the following items of unfinished business as requiring the consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, viz.:

Item 1, *page* 7. A Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report at this meeting of Synod; of which Committee Rev. I. G. Brown is Chairman.

Item 2, *page* 16. The action taken by the Classes of Zion and North Carolina with reference to Synod's apportionments for the Washington Mission Chapel upon said Classes, as reported to the Synod of Frederick, was disapproved of, and the apportionments were reiterated.

Item 3, *page* 25. It will be necessary to fill by election the vacancies that will occur, at the close of the present sessions of Synod, in the Board of Education, by the expiration of the term of service of Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. S. Kieffer, and J. W. Santee, as members of said Board.

Item 4, *page* 39. Thirty-nine hundred and fifty dollars are apportioned among the several Classes of the Synod for Home Missions.

Item 5, *page* 39. The churches in the bounds of this Synod are urgently requested to lift a collection for the relief of our missionaries, during either the ensuing Advent or Epiphany season.

Item 6, *page* 39. The Classes are requested at their next annual meetings, to give special attention to the claims of the missionary cause, urge the importance of systematic benevolence, the further increase of missionary societies in congregations and Sunday-

schools, also missionary festivals, and the adoption of such measures as will tend to assure more promptly the payments of the Classical apportionments, so that the wants of our suffering missionaries may be more punctually met, and our missionary operations be more widely extended.

Item 7, *page* 40. The Synod again presents to the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions the special claims of the Valley of Virginia, and earnestly overtures the Board to extend its missionary work in that direction.

Item 8, *page* 41. It becomes necessary to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions, in order to fill the vacancies in said Board, caused by the expiration of the term of office of Revs. E. R. Eschbach and E. N. Kremer, which occurred on the first instant.

Item 9, *page* 43. It becomes proper to order the payment by Synod's Treasurer of the assessment of two hundred and sixty dollars made upon this Synod by the General Synod of Lancaster, for contingent purposes.

Item 10, *page* 43. An increased deficit is reported by Synod's Board of Trustees, in the fund needed to cancel the loan, made in 1875, by the direction of Synod, for the relief of the Reformed Church Publication Board.

Item 11, *page* 43. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, to fill the place of Rev. J. O. Miller, whose term of service will expire January 1, A. D., 1881, according to the Charter.

Item 12. *page* 45. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-School Board, to fill the place of Rev. W. K. Zieber whose term of office ends at this meeting of Synod.

Item 13, *page* 45. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual sessions of Synod published, and to distribute them among those entitled to receive Minutes of Synod.

Item 14, *page* 49. The Synod calls upon the Classes and ministers, and membership within her bounds, to put forth a decided and most vigorous effort to increase the circulation of our church periodicals and the volume of the business of the Reformed Church Publication Board.

Item 15, *page* 50. The Committee, appointed to prepare and publish, jointly with a similar Committee from the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, an edition of "Hymns for the Reformed Church" *with music*, was continued: of which Committee Rev. E. E. Higbee is Chairman.

Item 16, *page* 52. Revs. S. N. Callender, G. W. Welker, and

Elders H. Wirt and L. H. Steiner are chosen delegates to the Peace Convention, held at Harrisburg, Pa., last November.

Item 17, *page* 56. The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College are directed to put an agent in the field for the purpose of raising funds for the immediate necessities of said Institution, and also for the further purpose of raising twenty thousand dollars for the permanent endowment of the College, and to secure a faculty such as may be necessary to conduct the Institution with the least possible expense.

Item 18, *page* 56. The Board of Education are directed to request the Board of Regents to discontinue the Post-Graduate Department or Course of study, in the College.

Item 19, *page* 56. The Board of Regents are requested to secure such change in the Charter of Mercersburg College as shall put the election of the members of the Board necessarily in the hands of the Synod.

Item 20, *page* 57. The term of office of Rev. Wm. A. Gring, John L. Reifsnyder, and Wm. Heyser expires during the present month.

Item 21, *page* 58. Are two resolutions, the first empowering and directing the Treasurer of Synod to receive a certain legacy bequeathed to the Synod, and make the necessary release in the premises; and the second ordering the Trustees of Synod to take charge of said bequest or legacy, and apply the same as directed by the testator, Philip Brechbill.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. M. Deatrick,
Joel T. Rossiter,
J. Alvin Reber,
Silas M. Hench,
Wm. A. Cushwa,
B. F. Diehl,
A. J. Souder,

Committee.

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; items 2, 5, 6, and 14 were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes; items 3, 8, 11, 12, and 20 were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the necessary nominations; items 4 and 7 were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions; on items, 9, 10, and 21, see Article XV., Finance; on items 13 and 15, see Article XX., Publication; on item 16, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on items 17, 18, 19, see Article XIII., Education.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was received, acted on item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report, that four communications have been placed in their hands, viz:

No. 1. A communication from the Rev. C. Cort, President of the Board of Missions of Iowa Classis, in which the Board suggests to this Synod. (a). To take charge of one or more missionary points in the larger cities within their bounds; to select men to take charge of them, and the Classis will cheerfully co-operate in his or their support. (b). The Board requests this Synod to redeem the pledge, in full, of $500.00, made four years ago at York, Pa., the greater part of which is still unpaid. (c). The same Board requests an additional appropriation in its favor, for the present year, be made by Synod.

No. 2. A letter from the Rev. S. C. Long, Corresponding Secretary of the Iowa Classis, on the same subject, viz.: Reminding this Synod of the pledges made some years ago, and requests Synod to take some action in reference to fulfilling them, as soon as possible.

No. 3. A communication from Rev. B. Bauman, D. D., President of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphan Home at Womelsdorf, containing a statement of the condition and wants of said institution, together with the request to assist them to find good homes for the children in Christian families, and to send gifts for the education and maintenance of the orphans in the Home.

No. 4. A communication from the Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, Secretary of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.—(a). Calling the attention of this Synod to the fact of an irregularity of the Maryland Classis in the payment of missionaries without orders from said Board of Missions. (b). Urging upon the Synod and Classes the prompt payment of the apportionments made for the Washington Mission Chapel.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Colliflower,
J. M. Schick,
D. N. Dittmar,
L. G. Kremer,
Dietrich Hildebrand,
John Shifler,
David Grove,
Committee.

Items 1 and 2 were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration; and for the action of Synod on items 3 and 4, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented their report, during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, disposed of item by item, then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to offer the following as their report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. The Stated Clerk of the Portland-Oregon Classis failed to furnish the report on the State of Religion separate from the body of the Minutes, as required.

2. The Minutes of the same Classis fail to state, that the usual constitutional questions, in connection with the reading of parochial reports, were propounded to the delegate elders.

3. The Stated Clerk of the same Classis failed to certify, under seal and signature, that the Minutes sent to Synod are true copies of the original Minutes.

4. The Stated Clerk of the San Francisco Classis failed to certify, under seal and signature, that the minutes sent to Synod are true copies of the original Minutes.

5. The San Francisco Classis met and transacted business without a quorum.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. The following action was taken by the Mercersburg Classis in reference to the Peace movement of the General Synod, namely: "WHEREAS, Most happy results have already been reached by the Peace movement inaugurated by the General Synod, at its triennial sessions, held in Lancaster, Pa., in May, 1878 in the peace and good-will, which have come to prevail in all our pastoral charges, and in the increased denominational prosperity and growth, manifested throughout the entire Church; and, WHEREAS, The General Synod, at its next meeting, to be held in Tiffin, Ohio, in May, 1881, contemplates, in furtherance of said movement, action concerning the cultus and government of the Church: therefore,

Resolved, That this Classis respectfully overtures the Synod of the Potomac to recommend to all its congregations the observance of the 18th day of May, 1881, upon which the General Synod is to convene, as a time of fasting and prayer for the Divine blessing upon the deliberations of that body."

7. San Francisco Classis requests to be excused for the irregularity of transacting business without a quorum.

8. The same Classis petitions Synod to be relieved one more year from Synodical assessments.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

9. All the Classes have taken favorable action on the subject of Home Missions and Beneficiary Education.

10. Virginia Classis accedes to Synod's refusal to relieve the Classis from its apportionment in behalf of Washington Mission Chapel.

11. All the Classes took favorable action in reference to the current expenses of Synod, but in the Minutes of North Carolina Classis we find the following action: *Resolved*, That Classis pay $40.00 to the Treasurer of the Synod of the Potomac as assessed, but that it takes exception to, and protests against the payment of that part, which goes to pay the loan for the Relief of the Publication Board. This Classis holds, that to include such loan in the current expenses of the Synod is wrong, and not in accordance with faith and truth, and that hereafter this Classis will pay no such improper assessment."

12. All the Classes apportioned by Synod in behalf of the Washington Mission Chapel have acceded to the Synod's action, with the exception of Zion's Classis.

13. All the Classes took favorable action in reference to the Church Periodicals and the interests of the Reformed Church Publication Board.

14. The Classes of Zion, Mercersburg, and Virginia took favorable action in reference to lifting a collection in behalf of the Professors of the Theological Seminary.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, AND DISMISSED.

15. Zion's Classis received Rev. David U. Wolff from the Lebanon Classis, Rev. Henry Hilbish from the Eastern Ohio Classis; and dismissed the licentiate Silas M. Hench to the Maryland Classis, Rev. Wm. H. Herbert to the Mercersburg Classis, and the licentiate Samuel T. Wagner to the Somerset Classis.

16. Maryland Classis received the licentiate Silas M. Hench from Zion's Classis of this Synod, and the licentiate Charles F. Sontag from the East Susquehanna Classis, and ordained them to the work of the Holy Ministry; and dismissed Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D., to the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. Charles H. Coon to the Lebanon Classis, and Rev. Orange E. Lake to the Tuscarawas Classis.

17. Mercersburg Classis received the licentiate Simon Wolf from the West Susquehanna Classis, and ordained him and the licentiate Daniel H. Leader to the office of the Holy Ministry, received Rev. John M. Titzel from the Westmoreland Classis, and Rev. Wm. H. Herbert from Zion's Classis of this Synod; and dismissed the licentiate W. Wilberforce Deatrick to the Somerset Classis.

18. Virginia Classis dismissed the Rev. Charles G. Fisher to the Philadelphia Classis.

19. San Francisco licensed E. De Geller, and ordained him to the work of the Holy Ministry, and dismissed the Rev. J. H. Krueger to the Cincinnati Classis.

VI. PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

20. Zion's Classis will meet in New Bloomfield, Perry county, Pa., on Thursday, June 9th, A. D., 1881, at 7 : 30, P. M., Rev. A. Spangler, *President;* and Rev. W. R. H. Deatrich, *Stated Clerk.*

21. Maryland Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., on Thursday, May 5th, A. D., 1881, at 7 : 30 o'clock, P. M., Rev. J. T. Rossiter, *President;* and Rev. S. S. Miller, *Stated Clerk.*

22. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Martinsbnrg, Blair County, Pa., on Wednesday, April 27th, A. D., 1881, at 7 : 30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. E. N. Kremer, *President;* and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk.*

23. Virginia Classis will meet in St. Luke's Reformed Church, of the Mill Creek charge, Shenandoah county, Va., on Wednesday, May 4th, A. D., 1881, at 7 : 30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. St. John Rinker, *President;* and Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *Stated Clerk.*

24. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Salem Reformed Church, Lincoln county, N. C., on Thursday, Jnne 23d, A. D., 1881, at 11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. J. Ingold, *President;* and Rev. G. Wm. Welker, *Stated Clerk.*

25. San Francisco Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Napa, Napa county, California, on Friday, Jnne 10th, A. D., 1881, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. Fuendeling, *President;* and Rev. C. F. Waldecker, *Stated Clerk.*

26. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Evangelical Reformed Church of the Waldo-Hill Congregation at Silverton, Oregon, on Thursday, July 14th, A. D., 1881, at 7 : 30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. Gantenbein, *President;* and Rev. J. Lange, *Stated Clerk.*

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. Cremer,
A. J. Heller,
D. M. Whitmore,
D. W. Ebbert,
J. E. Singer,
P. Middlekauff.
Committee.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, were severally adopted. For the action of Synod on items 6 and 12, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on items 7, 11, and 19, see Article XIX., Church Government; and the request in item 8 was granted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported, during the session of Monday Forenoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report, that there have been no applications referred to the Committee. Respectfully submitted.

M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports offered the following report, during the session of Saturday Forenoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

It is a matter of devout gratitude to God, that, as members of the Synod of the Potomac, we have been permitted to meet under such favorable circumstances, to review the work of the past Synodical year. The health and strength of both ministry and laity have been marked, and call for thankfulness, and it is becoming to give expression in the words of the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.' This Synod is in its infancy, but in its brief history it has done work for the Master of no mean order. There is within its territory a vast missionary field, the cultivating of which, seems to be made its special work, which calls for laborers and means to gather the ripening harvest, and it is idle to say, that the ministry in our Church is over supplied, when the truth is, that scores might be settled alone, over this one vast field.

The reports of the different Classes placed into our hands, give an interesting account of the internal life as well as outward growth of the work of the Lord within their bounds. They speak, first of all, of the goodness of God towards the ministry in sparing their lives and permitting them to labor in their respective fields. With grateful hearts we note this fact, not only to the ministry, but also to the people under their care. They also make special mention of earnest pastoral work done during this year. According to the requirement of the Constitution, they say, that the Gospel was faithfully preached as the standards of the Church require, that the sacraments were regularly administered--that pastoral visitation was attended to as circumstances permitted. Many of the pastoral charges are large, with a membership scattered over a large territory, that it is scarcely

possible to satisfy the demands which these charges make, and it required much self-denial and constant labor to do the work that was done during the year.

The reports likewise make mention of the fact, that peace, harmony, and good-will are prevailing within the entire bounds of this Synod. It appears, that the entire Church is pervaded with the spirit of the movement for peace, and that the Church, in general, eagerly seized upon the offer made by the last General Synod, and quickly accepted it, only shows how eager was her longing for repose and rest. The Church is beginning to realize "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." This spirit is abounding throughout the bounds of this Synod, according to the reports that pastors and people are actuated by it, and under its influence labor and worship. This is cause for thankfulness. One report says: "All signs seem to indicate that, with the remaining portion of our beloved Church, we as a Classis, have entered upon such a period of internal tranquility and peace as may be expected, under the blessing of God, to prove favorable in the highest degree to a quiet and regular development and growth in grace." In connection with this, the reports speak of the encouraging attendance on the services of the sanctuary on the Lord's day. It is true, there are no reports of any extraordinary or wonderful awakenings, seeing that the Lord is not so much in the storm and wind, as in the quiet, silent working of His grace, by means of the agencies He employs in His Church. He sends down quietly and gently the heavenly dews, in the preached Word, the administration of the sacraments, and through them the inner, spiritual life is nourished, grows and expands. Because of this, there has been a steady advance in grace and in holiness, and an earnest living for God. In close connection with the matter of worship, that of alms-giving as a part of it has received new life, and it is gratifying to note this fact from the reports, that there has been a marked increase in the benevolence of the membership of the Church. This is one of the lessons to be learned, that "thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." There is a manifest advance, over former years, and it should be steadily kept before the mind of the Church, that, with every year, her wants enlarge and call for greater liberality. In order to keep pace with these wants, as one report says, "It becomes us, as pastors, not only to hope for, but also *to labor for* the much needed reform, so that we may hasten the day when those who worship the Lord shall, with cheerful heart, give unto the Lord according as He has prospered them." Because of the failure of the Church, at times to meet these wants, another report says: "The plans which we form for the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom, though by no means extravagant, though not at all times commensurate with our ability, are found repeatedly to fail for want of that unanimous and generous support which they deserve and ought to receive. This oft repeated and mortifying failure of our plans we attribute, not surely to lack of piety and devotion on the part of our people, but rather, in good measure, to a lack of that unanimity of action without which no organized body can succeed in accomplishing its objects, to a want of good management in the development of the really fine capabilities of the people under our care." This is a point claiming the earnest attention of this reverend body.

The increase in membership by means of our time-honored system of catechization and confirmation, has been considerable. Much of this increase has been drawn from the Sunday-school, another department of church work greatly blessed of God. This interest is becoming better organized with every year, and finding its proper place, is made to stand in right relation to the congregation, under whose oversight it is, and is proving itself an efficient agency in teaching the blessed truths of the Master, and from whose ranks the catechetical class is to be filled. This interest needs to be encouraged and fostered by the Synod.

From the reports of the California and Portland-Oregon Classes, your committee learn, that the work of planting the Reformed faith on the Pacific coast, is steadily moving forward. The brethren located along the coast labor amidst much self-denial and patience. It appears that they encounter the same difficulties in their work, which opposed the apostle in preaching the Gospel in his day. From the reports we learn, that there are lights and shadows marking their labors, but the Lord is with these heroic and faithful servants, blessing their humble labors. Separated as these brethren are, they are one with us in the Lord, and share in our prayers, and their success and prosperity, as well as their trials and sorrows are ours; for "whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it."

From this review, there is much ground for encouragement and hope; and while thus hopeful, the reports are not wanting in expressions of sorrow, because of a spirit of worldliness and indifference, as they say, many being sick, while others are asleep, and that in face of the incessant warfare which the enemy of souls ever wages. This should excite and stir up within every faithful servant, greater zeal, diligence, earnestness and faithfulness in the Master's service, and then patiently labor while the day lasts, and with vigor and determination to renew the work marked out for the incoming Synodical year. There is much work to be done for the Master by this young Synod. Indeed a large part of the territory of this Synod is missionary ground. So our brethren in the far off Classis of North Carolina say. There is room among them for many self-denying, heroic servants of Christ. The gap which lies between the outposts of the Virginia Classis and that of North Carolina should be filled out,—there should be one continued artery from the North to the most remote bounds of the South, that the pulsations of the great heart of the Church might be felt over her whole body—that every section might feel the warm throbbing of the same, and that the entire membership might thus stand in one life, and be actuated by one hope. May the Lord hasten the day!

In this connection, your committee would bring to the notice of this body, the fact, that, during the past year, two of our number have been relieved from their work in the Church militant and translated to the Church triumphant. Yea, rather should we not say, with the gladness of rejoicing, that father Jacob Sechler, and brother John Ault, have been awarded the crown. Their names are not erased from the Synodical roll as lost to this Synod and the Church, but are carried along as no longer active, but relieved from duty by the Master of the Vineyard. They rest from their labors and relieved, look on from their elevated homes, while we labor and toil on, and await our coming. Their work is done, but the Master has work still for us to do, and by their removal from these active scenes, He reminds us of the time hastening on, when we likewise shall be relieved, and bids us to be faithful in His service that we in the end may also receive the crown.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Santee, *Chairman.*

[For Statistical Tables see Appendix.]

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education presented their annual report to Synod, during the session of Thursday Forenoon, which was received, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows, to wit:

I. Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.

The Board of Education begs leave to present to the Synod their annual report, as follows:

The Board, at its meeting in Frederick, held at the close of the last annual meeting of Synod, was organized by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, viz: Rev. S. N. Callender, *President*; Rev. I. G. Brown, *Secretary;* and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Treasurer*. The Executive Committee of the former year was re-appointed, which consists of the members of the Board resident in Mercersburg, together with Rev. W. C. Cremer.

The Board had under their care and supervision, during the whole of the past Synodical year, seven young men as beneficiary students. Four of these pursued their theological studies in the Theological seminary at Lancaster, Pa. They are all reported as studying well, and conducting themselves, in every way, becoming young men preparing for the holy ministry. Two of them have only one year more to spend in the Seminary, in order to complete their full theological course of study. The other three beneficiaries are members of the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes, respectively, of our institutions at Mercersburg and Lancaster. We are pleased to be able to report, that these young brethren likewise are making commendable progress in their studies, and their moral deportment is also spokenof as praiseworthy.

At present the Board has still the same beneficiary students to supply with funds. There has been no increase or diminution of those under the care and supervision of the Board, during the last Synodical year. To meet the appropriations made to these young men by their respective Classes will require upwards of one thousand dollars. Such provision has been promised in behalf of three of them by the Mercersburg Classis, and for a like number of them by the Maryland Classis, and for one of them by the Virginia Classis.

It is to be greatly regretted that the Zion's Classis, which is represented in the Board by one of its pastors, has not seen fit to carry forward its beneficiary operations in connection with Synod's Board of Education. In consequence of this unhappy fact, injustice is done the Synod, inasmuch as the Board can only properly report the number of beneficiary students under its care and supervision, and the funds contributed to meet their special appropriations. The aggregates of both would be considerably larger, did the Classis, just referred to, co-operate in the work, as carried forward by the Synod. The Constitution of the Church requires each Synod to give every necessary attention to the education of indigent, pious young men for the ministry, and explicitly affirms, that such operations are to be conducted by a Board specially appointed for the purpose, and that such Board shall be subject to the control of Synod, and shall annually submit to it a faithful report of its transactions, and of the state of the interest committed to its care.

Therefore, any Classis, carrying on its beneficiary operations apart from and independent of the Synod's Board of Education, does certainly assume and occupy an abnormal relation to the Synod, in so far as it refuses or neglects to co-operate with Synod in performing its constitutional duties.

The Board would report to the Synod, that, agreeably to the recommendation of the Synod of Frederick, the authorities of Mercersburg College discontinued the Post-graduate department, or theological course of studies, in said institution within a few days after the adjournment of last Synod. The students who had been receiving special theological instruction at Mercersburg College, repaired to the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and have been since then prosecuting their studies in that Institution.

Agreeably to a special resolution of the Board, adopted at its meeting in Frederick, the Treasurer paid to Mercersburg College $135 00, during the past Synodical year, on its claim against one of the pastors of the Virginia Classis who was sent to said Institution years ago, by one of the Western Classes, with the promise of beneficiary aid, which the Classis unfortunately failed to render. The brother referred to prosecuted his studies amid great financial pressure and the generous indulgence of the College, without receiving the usual assistance given to indigent,but worthy students preparing themselves for the ministry. As he has proven himself to be an energetic and laborious pastor, receiving but a small salary, and also, inasmuch as the College was known to be in pecuniary straits, the Board deemed it proper, in view of the facts just mentioned, to authorize the payment of the amount specified. No one, we think, can reasonably object to the course taken by the Board.

It affords the Board special pleasure to be able to report to the Synod, that the Treasurer of the Board has punctually paid the appropriations severally promised to the beneficiary students, in quarterly installments, as his vouchers testify. These payments have usually been made at or near the beginning of the scholastic quarter, or about every ten weeks—beginning with the College year. This enables the beneficiaries to prosecute their studies with less anxiety and worriment, than the old regime of paying in driblets, or not until the end of the term, did. The Board cannot help but regard the paying in quarterly installments, and at or near the commencement of the scholastic quarter, as the proper system to be pursued in carrying on this very important arm of church work, and fondly hopes that the friends of this noble cause will continue to come up generously and punctually with their contributions, as in the past two years. With thankful hearts we acknowledge the grace and goodness of the great Head of the Church, who has been pleased to put it into the hearts of His people to sustain this good work, and make it possible for our Treasurer to carry out the plans of the Board.

The Board also thankfully acknowledge the receipt of a legacy of $200, last December, bequeathed to the cause by Jacob Stoudenour, of Friend's Cove, Bedford County, Pa., who departed this life in February, A. D. 1863. The bequest was not payable until after the death of the testator's widow. This accounts for the payment so long afterwards. The principal was ordered to be funded, the interest thereof alone to be applied to the charitable uses of the Board of Education, and under its direction. By order of the Board, the amount of the legacy was loaned by the Treasurer to the Board of Trustees of Synod, for the term of one year. The interest for one year will soon be due, and it is, accordingly, recommended to the Synod to instruct its Treasurer to pay the sum of twelve dollars, being one year's interest on the amount, when due in next December, to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, so that the conditions of the bequest may be fulfilled.

In this connection, it may not be out of place, to state that our Treasurer is in communication with the executors of two other estates, within the

bounds of Mercersburg Classis, whose testators have left bequests to the cause of Beneficiary Education. He cherishes the fond hope, that a part at least, if not the whole amount, of these legacies will come into his possession, during the coming year. At least such promises have been given to him by the executors, who are personal friends.

Since the Lord has given grace to some of His servants to remember the cause in making their last wills and testaments, may not the expectation be cherished, that many others will imitate their laudable example, and go and do likewise?

The Treasurer of the Board gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following sums for Beneficiary Education, during the last Synodical year. The aggregate amount contributed by each pastoral charge is given, omitting the items and dates of payment, to wit:

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mercersburg Classis.

Bedford	Charge	$50.00
St. Clairsville	"	50.00
Waterstreet	"	45.00
Greencastle	"	35.00
Mont Alto	"	31.00
Chambersburg	"	30.00
Mercersburg	"	30.00
College Church	"	30.00
Yellow Creek	"	25.00
Woodcock Valley	"	20.00
Shippensburg	"	20.00
St. Thomas	"	20.00
Schellsburg	"	18.41
Altoona	"	15.00
Waynesboro	"	15.00
Sulphur Spring	"	10.00
Friend's Cove	"	10.00
Grindstonehill	"	6.20
Orbisonia	"	6.00
Hickory Bottom	"	6.00
Huntingdon	"	5.50
Middleburg	"	5.03
St. John's Church of Chambersburg,		5.00
McConnellsburg Charge		3.00
Loudon	"	2.00
Greenfield	"	.35
Amount		$493.49

Maryland Classis.

Ev. Reformed Church of Frederick		$106.34
Westminster Charge		45.00
Hagerstown Charge		42.50
First Reformed Church of Baltimore		35.00
Cavetown Charge		30.00
Third Reformed Church of Baltimore		25.00
Jefferson	Charge	23.52
Manchester	"	20.00
Middletown	"	18.50
Clear Spring	"	18.00

Mount Moriah Charge	15.00
Boonsboro "	15.00
Mechanicstown "	6.00
Mount Pleasant "	5.00
St. Stephen's Church of Knoxville	1.00
Amount	$405.86

Virginia Classis.

Interest on Rinker legacy, per late Treasurer	$150.00
Thank-offering per Mr. B. Schmitt	20.00
Amount	$170.00

Bequest.

Estate of Jacob Stoudenour, Friend's Cove, Pa	$200.00

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

October 15, 1879. Balance in Treasury	$352.50
Received from Mercersburg Classis	493.49
" " Maryland "	405.86
" " Virginia "	170.00
Legacy of Jacob Stoudenour	200.00
Total Receipts	$1621.85

Summary of Payments.

Paid beneficiary students of Maryland Classis	$450·00
" " " Mercersburg "	406.25
" " " Virginia "	150.00
Loaned to Synod's Board of Trustees, being amount of Stoudenour Legacy	200.00
Paid Mercersburg College for Rev. B. R. C.	135.00
Travelling expenses of Treasurer	2.75
Postage, revenue stamps, etc	1.75
October 11, 1880. Balance in Treasury	276.10
Total Payments,	$1621.85

Respectfully submitted.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We hereby certify, that we have carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

The foregoing Synopsis and Recapitulation are a true and faithful statement of the same. There is a balance in the Treasury. at this date, of $276,10.

J. HASSLER,
I. G. BROWN,
Auditing Committee.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 11, 1880.

II. REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following is the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, as furnished by the Secretary of the Board, viz:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to the Synod of Pittsburg, and to the Synod of the Potomac.

REVEREND BRETHREN:—The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary respectfully present the following as their annual report:

That the Seminary was opened on the first Thursday of September, 1879, and continued in session throughout the year, except the two weeks during the Christmas recess.

That the following members were admitted at the beginning of the year, six in number: Andrew T. G. Apple, E. Ranson Deatrick, Wilson D. Donat, James R. Lewis, Jacob J. Rothrock, and Christian W. Summey. Two of these are graduates of Mercersburg College, three of Franklin and Marshall College, and one was admitted to the privilege of a partial course.

That the following persons, seven in number, having finished the course of study prescribed by the Board, and having sustained their final examination creditably, were dismissed and recommended for licensure: Thomas M. Balliet, Alfred F. Dreisbach, Jacob S. Hartzel, William J. Kerschner, Charles F. Sontag, Oliver H. Strunk, and Franklin Wetzel. With one exception, they have all entered upon the active duties of the Holy Ministry.

That, at the request of the Faculty, the study of the Chaldee language was made binding on all the students of the Seminary who pursue a regular course; as without a knowledge of that language they are not in a condition to read a portion of the Old Testament in the original.

That the Board for several years past have been considering the necessity of a more extended use of the German language in the instructions of the Seminary; and that, at the last annual meeting of the Board, the Faculty were instructed to draw up some plan by which this object may be secured, and to report next year. We understand that this has already been attended to; and that two of the professors hold weekly recitations from German text-books, and that one of them conducts his recitations in that language.

That during the progress of the year nothing has occurred that needs to be noticed in this general report. The conduct of the students has been good, and the Faculty reports, that what was said of their general character in the previous year, might again be repeated. The examinations at the close of the year, which were somewhat diversified this year, were regarded as satisfactory; showing that the professors and students have been diligent in the discharge of their duties.

And that the Seminary is prosperous, and, through legacies and gifts, is increasing its means of usefulness. It will still need the prayers and pecuniary help of the Church, in order that it may become more and more a perennial source of blessings to the Church and to the Kingdom of God at large.

Respectfully submitted.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 9, 1880. THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

III. REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND TREASURER.

The following reports were received from the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, to wit:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, OCTOBER, 1880.

To the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church:

BRETHREN:—The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary beg leave to present their annual report:

The Board met twice during the year, and transacted the usual routine business. We have no suggestions to make requiring the action of Synod. The Treasurer's report will exhibit the financial status of the institution, which we are glad to say is somewhat improved since our last report, owing to the receipt of a donation of $5000 for the endowment fund from an anonymous source. The Board is ready to receive more anonymous letters of the same kind. This donation came to us ready invested, and bearing interest from January 1, 1880.

It is our sad duty to announce to your reverend body the death of Elder William A. Wilt, of York, Pa., for a long time a member of our Board. At its last meeting the Board adopted the following paper in reference to this loss to the Church:

"Since our last meeting one of our members has been called from his labors in this life to enter into that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Brother Wm. A. Wilt died at his home in York, Pa., on Sunday morning, September 5th, 1880. His life and labors in the Church bear witness to his earnestness and zeal as a follower of Jesus Christ, and we are glad to add our testimony to his faithfulness as a member of this board. He has joined the company of the redeemed of all ages, and we give thanks for the good example he has left behind him to encourage those of us who follow after in the way of life. He manifested his interest in the institution we represent by a liberal bequest to its endowment fund, thus verifying his faith by his works."

We earnestly pray that these two examples of liberality—the one coming in the spirit of not letting the right hand know what the left hand doeth, and the other like the parting blessing of a dying saint, may stir up many others in the Church to go and do likewise.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *Pres't.*
JNO. B. ROTH, *Treas.*
EDWARD J. ZAHM, *Rec. Sec.*

Lancaster, Pa., October 7, 1880.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the U. S.*

DR.

Oct. 11, 1880, For amounts received as interests on Endowment, Building and Pittsburgh Prof. Funds	$4,382.41

CR.

Oct. 20, 1879, By Balance due Treasurer	995.59
Oct. 11, 1880, By Sundry payments made to date per vouchers	5,041.91
	6,037.50
Amount Dr. down	4,382.41
Oct. 11, 1880, Amount due Treasurer	1,655.09

Library Fund.

DR.

Amount of Fund is	$2,069.96
Oct. 11, 1880, For Balance due by Treasurer and sundry interests received to date	208.83

CR.

Oct. 11, 1880, By sundry bills paid to date	63.80
" " " Balance in hands of Treasurer	145.03

Smaltz Fund.

Amount of Fund is	$5,000.00
Oct. 11, 1880, For Balance by Treasurer and interest received	355.00

CR.

Oct. 11, 1880, By sundry orders paid to date	171.61
" " " Balance in hands of Treasurer	183.39

Pittsburgh Prof. Fund.

DR.

Oct. 11, 1880, Amount of Fund is	1,718,30
No increase, and interest on this fund credited to contingent fund account of Theological Seminary.	

Building Fund.

DR.

Oct. 20, 1879, Amount of Fund is	$12,296.05
May 7, 1880, Amount received on account of note from James T. Reber	100.00
Oct. 11, 1880, Amount of Fund	12,396.05

Endowment Fund.

Oct. 20, 1879, Amount of Fund reported	$64,508.59
Nov. 10, 1879, Rev. F. W. Vandersloot's note paid	100.00
April 21, 1880, Gift from a friend	5,000.00
July 26, 1880, Cash received of Rev. F. K. Levan, payment in full for payment made him in 1877 for use of Theological Seminary by the Mansdale congregation of the Danville charge, and retained by him until now	60.22
About $66,000 is interest-bearing.	$69,668.81

The interest received on the Vandersloot and Levan payments is credited in Seminary contingent Fund account.

The undersigned auditing committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

Signed, GEO. W. HENSEL,
EDWARD J. ZAHM.

Lancaster, October 7, 1880.

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing Report of the Board of Education and Reports of the Board of Visitors, Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday Afternoon. Their report was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac.

Your Committee on Education desire to make the following report. Four documents have been referred to the Committee—the Report of the Board of Education of this Synod, the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

From the Report of the Board of Education, we learn, that the Board was organized by the re-election of the officers, and the re-appointment of the executive committee of the previous year. The Board had under its care during the past year seven young men as Beneficiaries, four of them pursuing the Theological Course, who are represented as model young men, and three in the Collegiate departments at Mercersburg and Lancaster, who are reported as making commendable progress in their studies, and deporting themselves in a praiseworthy manner. The Board has still the same number of students under its care, and report that provision for their support has been made by the several Classes of Synod. We find in all this reason for congratulation for the Synod; and commend the Classes to continue the good work. The total receipts of the Treasury, including the balance of $352.50 on hand, at the time of the previous report, were $1621.85. The expenditures were $1345.75, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $276.10.

The Board, in its Report, again calls the attention of Synod to the fact, that Zion's Classis does not co-operate with the Board in its beneficiary operations. The result of this is, that the Synod is not informed as to the number of beneficiaries maintained, and as to the amount of money given for this noble cause, within its bounds; and the Church at large is uninformed as to the work of the Synod in this direction. Your Committee has not been able to discover any good or sufficient reason for this action on the part of the Classis mentioned, or any reason why it should not labor in perfect harmony with the Board, through which the Synod performs its work of beneficiary education, and from which it should learn annually of the success and full extent of this work.

Upon this subject the Committee propose, for adoption, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod, that it is the duty, under the Constitution, of every Classis within the bounds of the Synod to carry on its beneficiary education in connection with the Synod's Board of Education.

Resolved, That this action be communicated by the Stated Clerk of Synod to Zion's Classis, and that said Classis be, and is hereby, earnestly requested, for the reasons stated above, to co-operate with the Board of Education, and to carry on its beneficiary operations through said Board, in compliance with the Constitution of the Church.

From this Report, we learn also, that the post-graduate department in connection with Mercersburg College has been discontinued, in compliance with the recommendation of Synod, and the students have repaired to the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

The Committee propose, for consideration, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Synod endorses the action of the Board of Education in paying $135 to Mercersburg College, in behalf of one of the pastors of Virginia Classis, who was formerly a beneficiary student, under the care of one of the Western Classes.

Resolved, That the Synod heartily endorses the action of the Treasurer of the Board of Education in making quarterly payments to the Beneficiaries, and earnestly requests the Classes to sustain him in this plan, and, in furtherance of this, commends anew the cause of beneficiary education to the members of the Church.

Resolved, That the Synod has learned with pleasure of the payment of the bequest of $200, made by Jacob Stoudenour, of Friend's Cove, Pa., and that the Treasurer of Synod is hereby instructed to pay the interest on the amount loaned to the Board of Trustees of Synod, when due, to the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

From the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary we learn, that six members were admitted to the course, at the beginning of the past year, and that seven graduated at the close of the Seminary year, in May, 1880.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and of the Treasurer of that Institution, show that the financial condition of the Seminary is growing better; and, in the language of the Board of Visitors, we desire to commend the Institution anew "to the prayers and pecuniary help of the Church, in order that it may become more and more a perennial source of blessings to the Church and to the kingdom of God at large."

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. Hoffheins,
F. J. Sauerber,
A. Shulenberger,
W. H. Xanders, } *Committee.*
J. H. Lichliter,
J. B. Zimmerman,
C. Glazer.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to Synod, which was received and is as follows, viz.:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, immediately after adjournment of Synod, and, in accordance with its instructions, appointed an agent, and sent him into the field. The agent continued his labors until the first of last August, and reported the following collections, as audited June 23d, 1880:—

Cash collections	$3,208.84	
Expenses	152.79	
Net Cash		$3,056.05
Obligations taken and unpaid June 23d		585.00
Total		$3,641.05

The agent has collected since audit of June 23d, 1880, as follows:

Cash collections	$139.00	
Expenses	14.00	
Net cash		$125.00
Cash on previous obligations		85.00
Total		$210.00

SUMMARY.

Net cash by audit June 23d, 1880	$3,056,05
" since audit	210.00
	$3,266.05
Obligations still unpaid $585.—$85	500.00
Total	$3,766.05

At the same session, the Board voted to continue the same teachers at $600.00 each for the year. By instruction from Synod, the Post Graduate Course was discontinued, and the students at once were dismissed. Under most serious difficulties the College continued its work through the year, closing June 23d, 1880. According to the catalogue, there were in attendance, in the College classes, eleven students; in the preparatory department, nineteen, making a total of *thirty*. One graduated, receiving the degree of A. B. The degree of A. M. was conferred in course upon the Class of 1877, and the honorary degree of A. M. upon Rev. Milton H. Sangree, pastor at Alexandria, Pa.

The Board at its regular annual session appointed a committee to make the changes in the charter necessary to meet the requirements of the action of Synod in reference to the election of members of the Board. The Board also elected the same teachers for another year, offering them as salary 800 dollars each, and resolved to put an agent into the field to secure a permanent endowment of 40,000 dollars, subscriptions payable on condition that the whole amount be raised within eighteen months from the time the obligation should be made. A committee was appointed to secure such agent. Due notice of election was sent to each one of the Professors. The President declined his election, consenting to remain, however, until the meeting of Synod. Professor George F. Mull declined his election, and his declination was accepted. The other Professors elect, accepted. The present Faculty of the College, therefore, consists of Professors Jacob B. Kerschner, Joseph H. Kershner, and J. Scheffer.

The Board of Regents consider it proper to insert in this report a detailed statement of its present financial condition, that the Synod may have full data for any action it may, in its wisdom, see fit to take.

SUMMARY.

Notes in hand, with interest computed to November 1st, 1880	$16,502.69
Other notes deemed non-collectible	850.00
Total	$17,352.69

The indebtedness of Mercersburg College on September 15th, 1880:

To National Bank of Chambersburg, due November 15th, 1880	$1,200.00
" Farmers' " Mercersburg " " "	100.00
" " " " " October 25th, 1880	458.00

To King Mortgage with interest to November 1st, 1880	3,360.00
" E. E. Higbee, by audit	2,860.03
" Cook Judgment note	1,026.25
" H. Hanse note for balance on boarding	1,091.08
" Professor J. Scheffer, on salary	27.32
" " J. H. Kershner, on salary	608.90
" " J. B. Kerschner, " including note of $350	927.21
" Levi Miller & Co	442.36
" A. B. Wingerd, by audit June 23, 1880	488.86
" Professor Geo. F. Mull, on salary	444.49
" Henry Zellers	300.00
" Jacob Heyser	587.00
" Sundries on running accounts not yet settled, about	376.00
Total	$14,297.50

ASSETS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

Notes in hand with interest to Nov. 1, 1880	$16,502.69
Notes considered non collectible	850.00
Property held by deed with condition that it be used for educational ends	6,500.00
College library	400.00
Apparatus and furniture	500.00
Property held by lease	
Total	$23,902.69
Liabilities of Mercersburg College	$14,297.50
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	$9,605.19

In this balance, no account, it will be perceived, has been taken of the notes deemed non-collectible. nor of the valuable property leased from the Synod of the United States. It should be mentioned here also, that there is a bequest, available at the death of the widow, amounting to 15.000 dollars, willed according to the language of the bequest "to the President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the College of the Reformed Church at Mercersburg or Eastern Pennsylvania."

The term of office of the following members of the Board of Regents expires by limitation at this time, viz: Rev. William A. Gring, John L. Reifsnider and William Heyser. Consequently, this Synod will have to elect three members of the Board, whose term of office shall expire October, 1883. Rev. E. E. Higbee has placed his resignation as member of the Board, in the hands of the Board, and when accepted by Synod, there must be an election of another member of the Board to fill his unexpired time of one year.

In concluding this report, the Board respectfully request the Synod to make the subject of the Institution the order of the day for Friday Afternoon, if possible.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

E. E. Higbee, *President.*

On motion, the resignation of Rev. Dr. Higbee as a member of the Board of Regents of Mercersberg College was accepted, and the Committee on Nominations was instructed to make the necessary nominations to fill the vacancy.

The consideration of the Report of the Board of Regents was made the order of the day for the opening of Friday Afternoon's session. And at the time appointed, the whole subject of Mercersburg College, including items 17, 18 and 19 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, was taken into earnest consideration. After some discussion it was deemed best to refer the whole matter to a special committee for consideration, consisting of one minister and one elder from each of the four Classes represented on the floor of Synod, to wit: Revs. J. O. Miller, W. C. Cremer, A. R. Kremer, J. C. Bowman, and Elders H. Wirt, A. R. Schnebly, J. T. Motter and J. Lantz. During the session of Monday Forenoon, this special committee presented their report to Synod, which was received and discussed for some time, and was pending when the hour for adjournment arrived. The report of this special committee was under consideration during the whole of Monday Afternoon's session, and occupied the session of Monday Evening until half-past nine o'clock, when the debt matter of the College was referred to another special committee, consisting of Revs. J. O. Miller, J. H. Sykes, S. S. Miller, and Elders J. P. Reed and I. H. Keefer. This special committee reported on Tuesday Morning, their report was considered at length, non-concurred in, and the following was adopted as a substitute, being the preamble in the report of the first special committee, and special preamble and resolutions as moved and adopted, viz.:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College together with other items bearing on the same subject, report that they have given the subject submitted to them the most earnest consideration, but cannot find a satisfactory solution. We have found ourselves confronted with such grave and serious difficulties in this subject, which involves the very life or death of Mercersburg College, that we are at a loss to know what to do, or what to advise. And all we feel we can do, is to present to you facts, which a careful investigation has brought to our knowledge, and then submit the whole subject to your Reverend Body again to find some solution, if you can, to help the College out of its difficulties.

Your Committee are of the opinion, however, considering our connection with this College, that this Synod is not in any sense responsible for the liabilities of Mercersburg College, and yet we feel for the sake of the cause of education, and as Christian men, that something should be done, and that right speedily, to help them pay this indebtedness, and thus save this, the oldest seat of learning to the Church.

We have carefully considered the assets and liabilities of Mercersburg College, with the light which members of the Board of Regents, and other friends of the College could give us, and find that its financial condition is deplorable. The liabilities are reported to be $14,297.50, whilst the assets, in the way of notes said to be collectible, provided the College be continued, are about one-half the indebtedness, and which would not be more than one-sixth if the College should cease. To these assets must be added the real estate purchased at $6,500, so deeded, however, that it cannot be used for any but educational purposes; and, if sold at all, would bring but a trifle of its original cost. Besides this they have the College library and apparatus, valued at $900. These liabilities and assets show that the College is insolvent.

We are informed that the mortgage, given by the Board of Regents of the College, covers also the lease on the Seminary property, given by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at a nominal rental per year.

WHEREAS, Mercersburg College has come to a crisis, in which, in the judgment of this Synod, it is necessary to settle up its liabilities and collect its assets; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College have power to settle up its indebtedness out of its assets, as far as they are available for this purpose, and, if possible, still preserve such property as shall be needed by this Synod to carry on its educational work in the future.

Resolved, That, if necessary in the judgment of the Board of Regents, they suspend for the present the work of the College, or at least have it conducted without further increasing its indebtedness.

Resolved, That, if in the judgment of the Board of Regents it be found necessary to collect additional funds to pay the liabilities of the College, they be empowered to send an agent into our pastoral charges to collect those funds, or to prepare such an appeal to the pastors to attend to this work, as in their judgment will seem best to secure this desirable end.

At the election for members of the different Boards of Synod, held during the session of Saturday Afternoon, Revs. Wm. M. Deatrick, J. S. Kieffer and J. W. Santee were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years. Col. G. B. Wiestling, Rev. A. J. Heller and Dr. M. A. Berry were chosen as members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the term of three years, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick for one year. Elder Israel Laucks was duly nominated for election by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., to fill the vacancy in said Board, occasioned by the death of Elder Wm. A. Wilt.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, severally, at the present time, viz:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick	3 years	October,	1883.
" J. S. Kieffer	3 "	"	1883.
" J. W. Santee	3 "	"	1883.
" Wm. Goodrich	2 "	"	1882.
" A. J. Heller	2 "	"	1882.
Elder J. Heyser	2 "	"	1882.
Rev. I. G. Brown	1 year	"	1881.
" Wm. C. Cremer	1 "	"	1881.
" S. N. Callender	1 "	"	1881.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Col. G. B. Wiestling	3 years	October,	1883.
Rev. A. J. Heller	3 "	"	1883.

Dr. M. A. Berry	3 years	October,	1883.
Elder A. R. Schnebly	2 "	"	1882.
" Louis Markell	2 "	"	1882.
E. J. Bonbrake, Esq.	2 "	"	1882.
Rev. J. S. Kieffer	1 year	"	1881.
" D. M. Whitmore	1 "	"	1881.
" Wm. M. Deatrick	1 "	"	1881.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, of the Superintendent of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions were laid before Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported during the session of Friday afternoon. The report was received, ordered to be taken up item by item for adoption, was amended, adopted as a whole, and will be found subjoined in its proper place. These several reports are as follows:

I. REPORT OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS:

To the Synod of Pittsburgh:

Fathers and Brethren:—We herewith transmit to your reverend body the annual reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. The reports contain in brief all the information that is necessary for us at this time to communicate. We cannot but express our gratitude to Almighty God, and congratulate the Church on the measure of success that has attended the missionary work, and the enlarged gifts of our people to benevolence during the year that has just closed. Our people have contributed, during this year, double the amount they gave to missions last year, namely, $15,000. And whilst this is but a small amount as compared to our resources, it is still a decided advance. We should take courage from this fact, and press the work with still greater vigor in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. MILLER, *Pres.*

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Sec.*
York, Oct. 9, 1880.

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to the Synod of Pittsburg, and to the Synod of the Potomac.

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—It is with gratitude to God that the Superintendent of Missions presents this his annual report of the condition

and prospects of the missions over which he, in connection with the Board, has had the oversight for the last three years. During the past year, this particular department of the life and activity of the Church has been more than usually blest by its great Head; for which it becomes us to humble ourselves, and render thanks to the Father of lights, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Church, Easton.—Members, 75. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 7. S. S. scholars, 95. Cost of property, about $3,000. Reduction of the debt $700, of which $380 was paid by the mother church at Easton. Benevolence, $29.23. Local objects, $800. Some 15 or 16 church papers are read. Under care of the Board, 4 years. Attendance improving. Appropriation last year by Classis, $200; by the Board, $150. As the appropriation to this mission is fixed by the coming Classis, the Board declines to specify any appropriation for the coming year. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler.

Catasauqua.—Members, 136; last year, 90. Baptisms, 7. S. S. scholars, 160. Benevolence, $34.05. Local objects, $844. Under the care of the Board since 1873. During the past year, this mission succeeded in redeeming its church building, which had been sold during the previous year by its creditors. It was secured for $3075, which is less than half of its original cost. On making this purchase, the congregation paid $475, so that the remaining indebtedness is only $2600, which it is expected will be paid off gradually from year to year. The prospects of this mission are again encouraging; and pastor and people feel prompted to engage in the work committed to their hands with fresh courage and new faith. Appropriation last year, $300. No appropriation made by the Board for the coming year for the reason assigned above. Pastor, J. J. Christ.

Christ Mission, East Allentown.—Members, 130; last year, 90. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 45. S. S. scholars, 180; last year, 157. Cost of property, $1900; but worth much more. Reduction, about $700. Benevolent and local objects, $300. The Classis of Lehigh at its last meeting agreed to pay part of the remaining debt, amounting to $600, in three yearly instalments of $200 each, and the missionary agreed to relieve the Classis of the appropriation hitherto made. Attendance on divine service, good. The prospects of the mission are encouraging. Appropriation last year, $300; for the present, $100. Pastor, J. Fritzinger.

St. John's, Reading.—Members, 360; last year, 305. Baptisms, 53; last year, 40. Additions, 163; last year, 29. S. S. scholars, 325. Attendance good at both German and English services. Cost of property, $22,000. Debt, $9,750. Reduction of indebtedness, $300. Benevolence, $80. Local objects, $2,500. 22 subscribers for the church papers. The pastor has been preaching at Birdsboro, and with the approbation of Classis has organized a congregation at that place with 53 members. By the action of the Board, he is to serve this new mission for the time being. The large debt resting on the mission at Reading is a burden, which it finds difficult to bear; but thus far it has been able to maintain its credit. It enjoys the sympathy and confidence of the other churches in the city, and has been receiving help from them all along. Appropriation last year, $250; this year, $300. Pastor, J. W. Steinmetz.

St. John's, West Philadelphia.—Members, 90. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 17. S. S. scholars, 70. Cost of property, $5,000; but worth more at the present time. Indebtedness, $2,400. Reduction, $1,000. Benevolence, $12. Local objects, $400. Attendance, good. The congregation enjoys generally the good will of the surrounding community. The pastor, under the direction of the superintendent, has been performing some missionary work in the city of Philadelphia and vicinity; which it is hoped will be attended with good results in the future. Appropriation last year, $300; this year, $275. Pastor, J. S. Vandersloot.

Second Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 111. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 14. S. S. scholars, 282; last year, 220. Benevolence, $72. Local objects, $500. The cost of the church property, $6,000; but it is worth more at the present time. A small debt was paid off during the year by the Ladies' Mite Society. The missionary society collected, during the present year, nearly twice as much as during the previous year. The church papers are read in the congregation, and the mission is making progress. Appropriation last year, $250; this year, the same. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—After the Rev. F. Fox withdrew from this mission, it was served for a while by the superintendent. In January last, he secured the services of the Rev. John G. Fritchey, who consented to devote a part of his time in a generous effort to save the mission from disintegration. Thus far, his labors have been blest. He has gathered the members together, and inspired them with fresh courage and hope. With much patience, he has succeeded in collecting, mostly from generous individuals in Harrisburg, enough money to pay off pressing claims in the bank and elsewhere, and so he has restored the financial credit of the congregation. The reduction of the indebtedness thus far is $420. A short time ago the lecture-room of the church was rented by the school authorities of Harrisburg for school purposes. The income from this source will be sufficient to pay the interest of the debt still remaining on the church building, which is about $1,200. The original cost of it was about $8,000. The Sunday-school has been revived, and now numbers about 30 scholars. Members, 55. Baptized, 3. Some emigrants from Europe are reported as having arrived, who are members of our church. Amount collected for local objects, $125. It is proper to add, that Mr. Fritchey undertook this work without any promise of appropriation from the Board,—simply from a disinterested zeal and love to build up the church of his fathers. The appropriation in former years was $300. The prospects of this mission are again encouraging, and with the blessing of God will be made self-sustaining at no very distant day. Appropriation for the coming year, $75. Pastor, J. G Fritchey.

Columbia.—Members, 165. Baptisms, 23. Additions, 27. S. S. scholars, 200. Debt of church property, $1,600, which was reduced $200 during the year. Benevolence, $92.04. Local objects, $950. A canvass of the congregation last spring resulted in the addition of 21 new subscribers for the "Messenger." There is a mite society and a "workers' association" in the congregation through which small contributions are made monthly. It is needless to say that this mission is doing well. Appropriation last year, $150; this year, $125. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard.

Wilkesbarre.—Members at Wilkesbarre, 287. At Nanticoke, where there is a newly organized church, 60. In all, 347. Baptisms in both congregations, 112. Additions, at Wilkesbarre, 52; at Nanticoke, 60; in all, 112. S. S. scholars, 225. Attendance, good. Not many church papers as yet. Cost of Church property, $13,000. Reduction, about $3,000, of which the Classis of East Susquehanna paid $800. Benevolence, $35. Local objects, $2,700. There is an effort in progress to provide for the remaining indebtedness on the church, which it is believed will be crowned with success. The missionary, after preaching for a while at Nanticoke, a town with a population of 3000 inhabitants, organized recently at that place a new congregation of 60 members. It is as yet without a church building. Another preaching point has been established at Plymouth, population 8000, midway between Wilkesbarre and Nanticoke, where twenty families—some belonging to the congregation at Wilkesbarre—during the year were organized into a church, and placed by Classis under the care of Rev. S. C. Meckel, who has thus far labored successfully, and with much self-denial, without missionary aid. This mission has been under the care of the Board since July, 1878; and promises to be self-supporting at no distant day. Its success thus far has gone beyond our expectations. Appropriation last year, $400; this year, $300. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven.—Two congregations. Members, 135. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 14. S. S. scholars, 80. Benevolence, $25. Local objects, $230. The church papers are taken to some extent. The missionary society is making gradual progress. Some improvement in the attendance. The last communion at Lock Haven was the largest in the history of the congregation. Cost of the church building, $2,200; but it will be worth five or six times that amount when some improvements are made to it. Indebtedness, $763. The mission enjoys the confidence of the community, and of its own members; and its prospects are much improved. Appropriation last year, $300; this year, $300. Pastor, I. S. Stahr.

East Liberty and Wilkinsburg.—These two missions have been served by the present pastor for more than a year and a half, and as the times have improved, they have made a corresponding progress. They still labor under some difficulty on account of their indebtedness; but these have been alleviated to some extent during the past year, and prospects are more encouraging than they were a year ago. No statistics. Appropriation last year, $550; this year, $525. Pastor J. W. Knappenberger.

Orbisonia.—Three congregations. Members, 109. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 12. S. S. scholars, 80. Attendance, generally good. Benevolence averaging 54 cents per member. Local objects, $560. A mission society is to be organized this fall. The "Messenger" circulates in about one-half the families. Cost of church property, $1,200. Indebtedness. $200, but provided for. Reduction of the indebtedness during the year, $250. Since last spring, the missionary has been preaching at Broadtop city, where there are a few members of our church, and where a congregation may be organized in the future. Under the Board, 4 yrs. This mission covers a large territory, and promises well for the future. Appropriation last year, $150; this year, $112. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford county.—Three congregations. Members, 155. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 13. Sunday-schools, 2. Attendance, good. Assessment of Classis, $76, which will be paid. Church debt as yet unprovided for, $170. Mission under the care of the Board 5 years. After the removal of the remaining debt—in a year or two—the mission will be self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, $200; this year, $200. Pastor, W. A. Gring.

Duncannon.—Congregations, 3. Members, 125. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 5. S. S. scholars, 150. Value of church property, $2,500. Debts, none. Benevolence, $100. Local objects, $530. Church periodicals circulated and appreciated. Attendance, good and devout. The outlook encouraging. Appropriation last year, $250; this year, $225. Pastor, U. H. Heilman.

First Church, Allegheny City.—When we rendered our last report, this mission was beginning to show some signs of a new life; but unfortunately, the missionary, after laboring successfully for a few months, was called to take charge of another missionary field within the bounds of the Classis; and his withdrawal had a depressing effect upon the members. Last spring, the Rev. H. King was requested by the superintendent to supply it for a while. Twenty-one old members petitioned Classis to be organized into a new congregation, and the Council elected Mr. King to labor as missionary for one year with an appropriation of $600; the amount designated by the Pittsburgh Board of Missions. The missionary has been diligent in gathering in the old members, and he has been to a certain extent successful; but it will require years of hard work and much prayer and self-sacrifice to restore this mission to the position which it once occupied. It has been one of the most unfortunate of all our missions. Still it is not hopeless, having a small nucleus of faithful members, who are willing to labor and pray for the increase of Zion. They no longer own their chapel; but have the use of it for a small rental. As a field for missionary work, we regard Allegheny City as a very promising one. Appropriation $600. Pastor, Hiram King.

Shenandoah City.—No statistics have been received from this mission. We presume they do not differ much from those given in last report. The pastor has been absent in Europe during a part of the summer. His place was filled by the Rev. James A. Schultz during his absence. Appropriation last year, $300; for the coming year, the same. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

Johnstown.—This mission has been under the care of the Board since July last. For the year previous, it was served by the Rev. W. H. Bates without an appropriation under the direction of the Superintendent. During the year, ground was purchased and a new chapel erected for the mission, in which it was assisted by the Westmoreland Classis and liberal citizens of Johnstown, the latter having given thus far over $600. Its cost will be something over two thousand dollars, ($2,000). It wil be dedicated sometime in October, although it is used now for divine service. It is thought it will have little or no debt after it is dedicated. The number of members is between 50 and 60. Appropriation, $500. Pastor, W. H. Bates.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—This mission became vacant by the withdrawal of its efficient pastor, Rev. J. F. Wiant, on the 1st of April last,

and was supplied by the Superintendent until the 1st of July, when the Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter, at the request of the Board, took charge of it. The effort to erect a house of worship, referred to in our last report, was successful; and the new chapel was dedicated to the service of the triune God last winter. The ground on which it stands—valued at $600—was the free gift of Mr. John C. Hager, a member of the Lutheran church; and its cost was $2,200, on which there is still a small debt, most of which however is covered by subscriptions which will yet be paid. The erection of a chapel has placed this mission upon a permanent foundation; and its future success among the poor on the outskirts of the city seems to be now only a matter of time. Mr. Lichliter was kindly received by the mission and its friends in Lancaster, and although his work is attended with difficulties, he has the promise that if he cast his bread upon the waters, it shall be seen after many days. The Sunday-school, composed principally of the children of the poor, is in a prosperous condition. It numbers at present 130 scholars; 23 having been added within the last few months. Members, 37. Additions, 15. Baptisms, 13. Benevolence, $10. For local objects, in addition to what was raised for the building of the church, several hundred dollars, the most of which came from the members of the other churches. The attendance during the summer has not been what might be desired; but it is believed that this will improve during the winter. Appropriation last year, $400; this year, $300. Pastor, W. F. Lichliter.

Overton, Bradford county.—Congregations, 3. Members, 170. Baptisms, 16. S. S. scholars, 125. Attendance, good and improving. Cost of property, about $900. The pastor has to live to some extent on his own private resources. Benevolence, $25.54. Local objects, $375. A few periodicals of the church are taken. During the year, a new congregation was organized at Dushore, out of members belonging to several congregations in the neighborhood—so-called Union churches. It is doing well. The pastor has a large catechetical class, which he is preparing for confirmation. He has also established services at Bernice, some 5 or 6 miles from Dushore, with a population of 1000, who are without any organized congregation; the prospects are good. The missionary has been in this field a little over one year. Appropriation last year, $150; this year, $150. Pastor, Phaon S. Kohler.

Latrobe.—Members, 70. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 9. Dismissions, 11. S. S. scholars, 55. Cost of the church property, $7,200; debt $1,800. No reduction. Missionary society and a good work society. The mission has been peaceful during the present pastorate, and the strife of former years in a measure has passed away. The pastor, G. D. Gurley, has recently withdrawn on account of his health; which is a matter of regret. He goes away with the kind wishes of the Board and of his congregation, with a hope that he will soon find a larger sphere of usefulness in some other part of the church. The congregation expects soon to secure another pastor; and the understanding is that he will devote a part of his time to preaching at some neighboring points. Appropriation last year, $200; this year, $200. Vacant.

Trinity Church, York county.—Members, 50. Additions, 7. Baptisms, 9. S. S. scholars, 80. Cost of property, $700. Amount collected for local purposes, $276. The missionary preached regularly

in Trinity chapel, in York—without an organized congregation. At Glen Rock there is a congregation which is hopeful; but it has no church building of its own. Owing to the difficulties in the congregation at New Freedom, the missionary was advised to cease preaching at this place last spring. He also ceased to preach at another point. When this mission was placed under the care of the Board, it was thought that it would not need any help, but the pastor has not received an adequate support; and its prospects are not as favorable as they were a year ago. Pastor, W. H. Xanders.

Sharon, Mercer county.—No statistics are given from this mission. The pastor resigned during the year, but continues to preach for the congregation until a suitable person can be secured to take his place. Its condition is the same as given in our last report. Appropriation last year, $100. Vacant.

New Castle, Lawrence county.—This is a new mission. It was fostered by a committee of Allegheny Classis during the last fall and winter. By the request of the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod, it was placed last spring under the care of the parent Board; and at the same time, the present missionary was commissioned to take charge of it. At the organization of the congregation in January last, there were 18 members, to which 23 have since been added. S. S. scholars, 44. The congregation has as yet no chapel, and is under the necessity of worshipping in a public hall for the present. New Castle is a large and growing town, and the field is represented to us as an interesting and promising one for missionary labor. Appropriation, $450. Pastor, J. M. Souder.

Tionesta, Venango county.—At the request of Clarion Classis, and of the Pittsburgh Board, a new mission will be established at Tionesta as soon as a missionary can be secured, with an appropriation of $250. It has been placed under the care of the Board.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester.—This mission became vacant sometime in February last by the withdrawal of Rev. C. G. Fisher, for reasons which were satisfactory to the Board. Since that time, two efforts were made to secure a pastor which were not successful. It is thought that the third effort, which is now being made, will be attended with better results. With the exception of preaching by the candidates and the Superintendent who visited the mission during the summer, it has been without divine service since the former missionary left. We found the congregation in a good condition; but suffering, to some extent, from the want of a regular pastor. We refer the Board to the statistics of last year, as, under the circumstances, we were not able to receive any complete returns. Appropriation last year, $250. Vacant.

Mint Spring Mission, Augusta county.—This mission grew out of the Middle Brook mission, which became self-sustaining last year. The missionary reports, that a new church is in process of erection at Mint Spring, and that it is to be dedicated during the present month. Several acres of ground were secured, for which he and his brother made themselves responsible. After this congregation is established, it is expected to serve as a centre of missionary operations for other places, which the missionary has visited from time to time. He refers to

Staunton and other places, where something could be done, if the Board would send a suitable person into the field. No statistics. Appropriation last year, $150; this year, $150. Pastor, A. J. Whitmore.

DELAWARE.

St. John's, Wyoming, Kent county.—Members, 92. Baptisms, 9. S. S. scholars, 80. Additions, 12. The debt, $250, was canceled during the past year, which gives much joy to the mission. Benevolence, $66. Of this, $27 was contributed for a peace offering. Local objects, $614. The mission is making encouraging progress. Under the care of the Board, 5 years. It has been active in encouraging the neighboring missions on the Eastern shore of Maryland both with its sympathy and its means. Appropriation last year, $275; this year, $250. Pastor, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

MARYLAND.

Cumberland.—Members, 150. Baptisms, 82. Additions, 16. S. S. scholars, 100. Cost of Church property, $5,500; indebtedness, $1,500. Benevolence, $30. Local objects, $700. The Church festivals are devoutly observed, and prove to be seasons of refreshing and revival from the presence of the Lord. Several families removed from the congregation; but their place is filled by a number of emigrants from Hessen and Lippe Detmold, who, on their arrival, immediately handed in the recommendations of their pastors in Germany to the pastors of the Reformed Church in North America. The missionary has preached at various points in the neighborhood, where he found members of our Church, who, however, can be better attended to by neighboring ministers. The papers of the Church are circulated in the congregation. The pastor has been in this field six years, during which time he confirmed 112 persons and baptized 82. The progress is slow but sure. Appropriation last year, $250; this year, $200. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

Ridgely, Caroline County. Members, 69. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 8. Benevolence, $624. Local objects, several hundred dollars. The corner-stone of the new church at Ridgely was laid last spring. For want of means the church has not been finished; but the congregation expect to complete it before the close of the present year, with probably little or no debt. Last April the missionary organized a new congregation in Queen Ann County. He is under the necessity of holding his services—once in four weeks—in private houses; but the members have subscribed in all $200 for a new chapel; and expect to begin building it as soon as they can find a suitable location. In the month of August the missionary visited Talbot County and found in the vicinity of Easton some twelve or fifteen members of our Church from eastern Pennsylvania, who are engaged in building a Union church. He baptized their children, and expects to preach at this point regularly; to commence a catechetical class, and organize the members into a congregation. Appropriation last year, $300; this year, $325. Pastor, Joseph Hannabery.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.—On the withdrawal of Dr. Russell from this mission last October, it devolved on the Superintendent to take charge of it until a successor could be secured. He visited it from time to time, and called in ministerial brethren to assist him in filling the pulpit. This arrangement in the peculiar circumstances of the congregation was regarded

as the best that could be made, and was very satisfactory to the members generally. It became evident, however, that it could not be continued long, and as soon as the way seemed to be open a missionary was secured to take charge of the field. He entered upon his duties about the beginning of July; and has served with acceptance to the congregation. During last spring a committee of Maryland Classis, who had the matter in charge, purchased ground for a new chapel in an eligible place—72 feet in front by 100 feet deep, at 45 cts. per. square foot. The whole cost was $3.240, on which $810 were paid at the time of the purchase. The balance, $2,430, as it falls due is to be paid in four semi-annual instalments; and is all provided for by assessment made by the different Synods. This gave the mission a new impulse. As soon as a chapel of moderate cost can be put up, the mission will be placed on a permanent basis. It deserves the prayers and sympathies of the whole Church. It is now very desirable that the amounts assessed on the different charges of the Church for this object should be paid without delay. Promptness in this direction will save the Church a great deal of money, as well as promote the growth and success of the mission. Appropriation, last year $1200, this year, $600. Pastor, Charles F. Sontag.

NEW YORK.

New York City.—By authority of the Board, Rev. F. Fox, during last fall and winter, acted as agent mostly in the eastern part of Pennsylvania in collecting funds for missionary purposes on the Pacific coast, in which he met with a reasonable degree of success. Instead of returning to California, as he had intended to do, he was induced to undertake the work of starting a new mission among the Germans in New York City; and our Board made a proposition to the Board of Missions of the Eastern German Synod to assist in making up an appropriation for his support, if they would agree to take the mission under their charge and contribute for its support. The proposition was agreed to, and Rev. Fox has been in the field since last April. He reports that his prospects are encouraging. The appropriation by this Board is $200.

KANSAS.

Emporia.—As this mission required a person who could devote all his time to the work, the Rev. J. G. Shoemaker was secured to take charge of it; and he entered upon his duties on the 1st of November last. On the 1st of December, he organized a congregation of 31 members, to which a number have since been added. With the permission of the Board, the missionary visited his former congregations in Centre and other counties, for the purpose of collecting funds to pay for the new church at Emporia, as something immediately necessary for the success of the mission. In this, he was successful beyond our most sanguine expectations. In all he raised over one thousand dollars. The church, when finished, will cost about $2,300. Of this amount, something over $600 are still lacking, which will be provided for in some other way. The members of the church generally give as much as their limited means justify. Thus far, the pastor received only a small support from the congregation, with a small appropriation from the Board; and he has been under the necessity of exercising great self-denial. Benevolence, $10. Local objects, $500.

The missionary has been preaching at a point some eighteen miles north of Emporia, where 25 members have agreed to be organized into

a congregation this fall. When once organized, it will form a good nucleus for a new mission. As soon as a suitable locality is agreed on, an effort will be made for the erection of a church. There are other points in the neighborhood of Emporia, which will be visited as soon as time will permit.

In accordance with the directions of the Board, Mr. Shoemaker lately visited Stockton, in Rooks county, and other places in that section of the State. Here the people had suffered much from the failure of their crops for the last two years; yet the missionary found a number of members of the Reformed Church anxious to have a minister placed over them. He preached for them in their school-houses, and expects to visit them again.

In order to facilitate the exploration of the State and to establish missions where needed, Mr. Shoemaker, at a late meeting of the Board, was appointed superintendent of missions for the State. He will retian his connection with the congregation at Emporia, and is to have a young man as an assistant to take charge of his congregation during his absence, and to assist him in his work; for whom an appropriation is to be made by the Board. It is believed that this arrangement will be productive of good and permanent results. It is proper here to add, that the Board of Missions of the Synod of Ohio has also a number of missions of the State of Kansas, and that those established by our Board will not interfere in any way with those of the Ohio Board, but tend rather to assist and strengthen them. Appropriations last year' $300; the coming year, $400. Pastor, J. G. Shoemaker.

CALIFORNIA.

Napa.—During the course of the past year, the Rev. J. H. Krueger, with the consent of the Board, withdrew from this mission, and sought another field of usefulness in the East. Several efforts have been made to secure a suitable person to take his place; but thus far without success. There are, however, some prospects, that the vacancy will be filled at no distant day. The mission, since it lost its pastor, has been under the supervision and care of the Classis of San Francisco. Appropriation last year, $200.

Alameda.—This mission, in the neighborhood of San Francisco, has been without a pastor for a part of the year just closed. The missionary, who was placed over it more than a year ago, was not deemed a suitable person for the field, and the Classis, under a sense of duty, and with a feeling of deep regret, found it necessary to request him to withdraw before the end of the year. The mission has been cherished by the Classis and cared for, as far as possible, by the pastor of the church at San Francisco, the Rev. Julius Fuendeling. The Board decided to send another missionary to labor at Alameda and San Francisco as soon as a suitable person can be found, with an appropriation of $250.

OREGON.

Portland.—Members, 110. Baptisms, 11. S. S. scholars, 60. Cost of property, $7,200; but its value is much greater; local objects, $800. A debt has been incurred for improvement in the church and on the street of $365. A goodly number of church papers is taken. A missionary society is soon to be organized. The mission is making encouraging progress, and its pastor expects to declare it self-supporting by the end of the coming year. It has been under the care of the

Board six years, and the sixth anniversary of its existence was celebrated in the month of September amidst general rejoicing. The pastor suffers opposition and even persecution from without; but he is sustained by his people, and the work of the Lord continues to go on. Portland has a population of 21,000 inhabitants. Six years ago it had 12,000; at no distant day it will be the great city of the North Pacific coast, like Philadelphia or Baltimore in the East.

The missionary at Portland has been preaching at various other points in the State; at Cornelius, where there is a congregation of eighteen members; at Sandy, where twelve members are waiting to be organized into a church, and at Sandy Ridge, and at other points. In this kind of work he has been assisted by Rev. Lange of the mission at Canby. It is plain that at least one or more missionaries should be sent into this field as soon as possible; and for this purpose the Board made an appropriation of $150. Appropriation last year, $300; for the coming year, $200. Pastor, John Gantenbein.

Salem.—Two congregations; one at Salem, the other at Waldo Hills. The one at Salem is still under the necessity of worshipping in a hall, which is a serious drawback to the growth and progress of the congregation. The Board regrets exceedingly that it has not been in a condition to give it any help in its efforts to supply itself with a suitable house of worship. It is earnestly hoped that a church building fund may soon be created for the purpose of giving help to this and other struggling missions in erecting chapels or churches. The Waldo Hills congregation has succeeded in putting up a small church, in which, although not yet quite finished, it has been worshipping. The cost of the church thus far is between $500 and $600. No debt has been contracted. The missionary has been preaching occasionally at other points; but much of his time has been occupied in collecting the funds to pay for the new church. Thus he has been prevented from making explorations in the regions beyond; such exploration is very desirable, and would be productive of good results. Membership, 45. The missionary reports that his little flock maintain their courage, and are faithful in attendance at the worship of the sanctuary. Appropriation last year, $250; this year, the same. Pastor, J. Muehlhaupt.

Canby, Clackamas County.—One congregation, German. Members, 27. Baptisms, 5. Addition, 6. S. S. scholars, 27. A church has been put up at Meridian during the past year, costing, thus far, $350. It has some debt resting upon it. The Board appropriated $100 to assist in its erection, for which both the pastor and members express their warmest gratitude, for the help thus extended to them in their time of need. The church is not yet finished, and as the members are poor, they have a strong claim upon the brethren for further help. It is hoped that benevolent persons in the Church may extend to this mission a friendly hand, and do something to assist it in building its humble sanctuary, which is to it as precious as the most stately church is to those more highly favored. The missionary travels far and wide, over a large extent of territory. Appropriation last year, $200; this year, the same. Pastor, Julius Lange.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Walla Walla.—No report from this mission. The missionary was urged by Classis to transfer his labors to the promising fields in Oregon; but he has not seen his way clear to withdraw from his present field,

hoping that he will yet overcome the difficulties in his way, and succeed in building up a Reformed church at Walla Walla. Appropriation last year, $200; this year, the same. Pastor, George Maechtersheimer.

Ursinus Union.—In accordance with the instruction of the Synod of the United States last year, we embody the report of the missionary operations of the Ursinus Union, a copy of which accompanies this report.

The Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer, reports, that the amount of funds, under the direction of Ursinus Union, received since the last meeting of the old Synod, is $988.52. A part of this was sent to the treasury of the Board of Missions of the Synod of Ohio, and the balance appropriated to different missionary points in the east.

SUMMARY.

Number of missions	38
Members	3,408
Additions during the year	655
Baptisms during the year	480
Sunday-School scholars	3,309
Amount col. for benev. during the year	$958
For local objects	$21,478

Value of church property is somewhat greater than last year; and the indebtedness is somewhat smaller.

MISSIONARY PAPER.

The matter of publishing a missionary paper has been considered from time to time by the Board, and the necessity of such help for the spread of missionary intelligence, for the awakening of a missionary spirit, and for the increase of liberality in the Church, has been sensibly felt for a long time. The way, however, did not seem open for such an undertaking until the present year. Three numbers of the paper have already appeared. It is published monthly. Price of subscription, 50 cents per year. It is conducted by the Superintendent of missions, without any additional expense to the Board. Its title is "Reformed Missionary Herald." All its articles are intended to have a bearing on the cause of missions. Thus far it has been well received. The prospects at present are, that it will cover expenses and leave a balance of profit, which is to be devoted to missions. If it comes to be well patronized in our churches, its margin of profit will be considerable.

NEW FIELDS.

Hitherto, for want of necessary means, the Board has not been able to occupy many of the new and interesting fields, which have presented themselves as worthy of our attention. But we believe, that the time has arrived when the benevolence and increasing liberality of the Church will justify us in going forward and enlarging the sphere of our missionary operations. The Board accordingly, at its late meeting, agreed to appropriate $1,000 during the coming year for the location of new missions in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, as soon as suitable locations are decided on, and proper men can be secured to fill them. As already said, two or more missionaries are to be sent to the Pacific Coast, as soon as Providence points out to us the men that are adapted

for this kind of work. It is further believed, that flourishing missions may be established in a number of our large cities, such as Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and other places, also at various points in the Southern States. The spirit of missions is beginning to grow and increase in the Classis of North Carolina, and its destitute places call loudly for our assistance. May God grant that, as a Church, we may not be deaf to the many calls of our children, who cry to us for the bread of life!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the treasurer's report, it will be seen, that the contributions of the churches for the support of our missions during the past year have been somewhere between $15,000 and $16,000. The indebtedness for moneys borrowed in former years to carry forward the operations of the Board, something over $1,200, is all paid off; and the amount due missionaries for salary is smaller, considerably, than it has been at the end of previous years. On the first of October, this amount was $2,000, with about $1,000 in the treasury. For the coming year the Board will need $15,000, in order to meet the current expenses; for which we suggest that the different Synods concerned be requested to take measures for raising the following sums:

The Synod of the United States	$ 8,500
The Synod of the Potomac	$ 3,750
The Synod of Pittsburgh	$ 2,750

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In concluding this report, we must congratulate the reverend Synods on the measure of prosperity which has crowned our missionary labors during the past year. Missionary societies have sprung up in all directions. Missionary festivals have been held with good effect; and our ministers have preached with more than usual earnestness on the subject of missions. The contributions are double in amount of what was reported last year; and in considerable excess of what has been given during any previous year of our history as a Church. From the summary already given, it will also appear, that the number of members in our missions, baptisms, additions, Sunday-school scholars, and the amounts given for benevolent and local objects are also in excess of what was reported during previous years; so that whilst our churches have increased their gifts, the blessing of God has also, at the same time, rested upon the labors of our missionaries. For all this, we have great reason to be thankful to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who has visited His plantation, and given us the precious rains of His grace.

Many things have conspired in bringing about these results; the chief of which, no doubt, is the peace sentiment which is coming to prevail more and more in our churches. This had much to do in swelling our contributions to the amount which has been reported, by promoting the peace offerings. What is required of us in these circumstances seems to be plain and simple; and that is, that we should just continue in the course upon which the Chief Shepherd has brought us. Having led us thus far, He will continue to lead us still further, and enable us to achieve still greater results for His own glory. We should be vigilant, more so in the future than in the past, lest our work, which now has made such an auspicious beginning, should be marred during the coming year, and suffer from a relapse into the errors and mistakes of the past. To avoid everything of the nature of a reaction, the con-

science of the Church should be kept alive. Our preaching should be more earnest, with a constant bearing on the spread of the kingdom of God. Earnest prayer should also be offered up continually, and at stated times, also, that, whilst we are planting and watering, God may give us a still more plentiful increase; and to His great name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall be all the honor and glory, as it was in the beginning, as it is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Superintendent.*

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 9, 1880.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

In submitting my annual Report, it affords me sincere gratification to state, that the finances of the Board are in a much more favorable condition than they were last year. Nearly every section of the Church seems to have awakened from the culpable lethargy which formerly prevailed, and responded, with commendable liberality, to the appeals made for means to carry on the great work of Missions.

By comparing the present with my last year's Report, it will be seen that the total contributions amount to nearly double what they were the previous year:

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	$413.94	
" Tohickon	552.96	
" Goshenhoppen	1,164.40	
" East Pennsylvania	1,016.50	
" Lebanon	1,060.10	
" Lancaster	970.78	
" East Susquehanna	332.28	
" West Susquehanna	736.71	
Total from the Synod of the United States		$6,247.67

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion	$1,031.33	
" Maryland	1,578.85	
" Mercersburg	1,543.78	
" Virginia	305.45	
" San Francisco	50.00	
" North Carolina	3.25	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac		$4,512.66

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Saint Paul	$ 36.39	
" Somerset	40.00	
From Treasurer of Synod	2,705.00	
Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh		$2,781.39
Carried over		$13,541.72

Amount brought over		$13,541.72
Miscellaneous Sources.		
Collected by Rev. F. Fox for Missions on Pacific Coast	$526.76	
Interest on Loans and Legacies	150.00	
Collection at Synod of Lebanon	22.29	
Received of Dr. J. H. Good, Assessment of General Synod on Synod of Ohio, to pay indebtedness to Geo. Gelbach, Esq., who donated the same to the Board	175.00	
From sundry sources, loans (since paid), etc.	667.88	
Balance in Treasury, Sept. 2, 1879	128.11	
		$1,670.04
Total from all sources		$15,211.76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of the Board during year	$14,015.06	
Paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis	232.84	
Balance in the Treasury	963.86	
		$15,211.76

In addition to the above-named contributions, I received from sundry sources during the year, the sum of $319.40 for the erection of a chapel in Washington City, D. C.

The total amount of Peace-offerings during the year, included in the foregoing statement, was $1,358.54. The net amount contributed by the Church during the synodical year for Missions and Washington City Chapel is $14,444.05.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, Oct. 11, 1880.

The undersigned, appointed a committee to audit the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully report, that they have attended to said duty and find a balance of nine hundred and sixty-three dollars and eighty-six cents in the Treasurer's hands at this date, October 11, 1880.

W. H. H. SNYDER.
D. W. GROSS.

IV. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully present the following as their report:

There have been referred to us for consideration the Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, of the Superintendent of Missions, of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, an overture from Revs. C. Cort and S. S. Long, of Iowa Classis, the special claims of the Virginia Valley upon the Board, and the announcement of the death of Elder Wm. A. Wilt, a member of this Board.

From the Missionary report of the Board we learn, with pleasure, that the work has been carried forward, during the year, with commendable zeal and encouraging success. We have cause for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the blessings vouchsafed to this department of labor, in the extension of His kingdom in the world. There are thirty-eight missions under the care of the Board. Of this number ten are within the territory of this Synod.

We have the gratifying intelligence, that the contributions for missions, during the past year, are double that of last year, and in excess of the contributions of any previous year in our history as a Church, amounting to over $15,000.00. This increase is to be credited, in part, to the peace sentiment that has come to prevail, and in part, also, to the organization of auxiliary missionary societies in some of our congregations, which are productive of great good. We learn with pleasure, also, of the good prospects of the Reformed Missionary Herald, and trust it will prove an efficient agent in promoting this good cause.

In view of the large and extending field, the earnest appeals for help coming up from many directions, and the self-denying devotion of the missionaries themselves, it behooves us as a Synod to give this cause our most earnest co-operation with our prayers and alms. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod assumes the $3,750.00 suggested by the Board as our portion of the $15,000.00 needed to carry forward the work now in hand, and that it be apportioned as follows: Maryland Classis, $1,150.00; Zion's Classis, $1,150.00; Mercersburg Classis, $1,100.00; Virginia Classis, $300.00; North Carolina Classis, $100.00; San Francisco Classis, $50.00; and Portland-Oregon Classis, $25.00. Making $3,875.00.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure of the forward movement at Washington, D. C., in the purchase of a suitable lot for the erection of a Chapel, and it is hereby urged upon the several Classes and pastoral charges of this Synod, that immediate steps be taken to raise and pay the several amounts apportioned on them for this purpose.

Resolved, That this Synod reiterate its action as touching the work of missions in the Valley of Virginia, and that the representatives of this Synod in the Board of Missions be directed to earnestly and urgently present these claims before the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

As to the communications from Rev. C. Cort, President of the Board of Missions, of Iowa Classis, and Rev. S. C. Long, Corresponding Secretary of said Classis, in reference to the resolution at the Synod of York, Pa., in 1876, requesting the Board of Missions to appropriate $500.00 for missions in Iowa Classis, and the resolution of the Synod of Hagerstown in 1878, requesting the pastors to take special collections for the payment of the "implied obligation," your committee recommend the adoption of the following as a statement of the facts in the case, viz:

At the Synod of York, Pa., in 1876, the Board of Missions in its annual report stated the amount that would be necessary to carry forward the work then in hand, during the current year, and asked this Synod to assume and provide for the raising of $3,500.00 of said amount, which was done and apportioned among the several Classes. After this had been done, and without making provision for the raising of any additional amount, the Synod was induced by resolution to instruct the Board to appropriate of the $3,500.00, necessary to carry forward the work then in hand, and to meet the obligations already assumed, $500.00 for Iowa Classis, and $500.00 for Virginia Classis. This instruction the Board did not, and could not, heed, so long as prior obligations were binding upon it, and without additional funds specially provided.

At the subsequent Synod of Hagerstown, in 1878, this subject was again before us by an overture from Rev. C. Cort, of Iowa Classis, and then a resolution was passed requesting all the pastors to take up special collections for the payment of the "implied obligations." This, it would seem, was only partially done, probably because of other and imperative claims.

These communications, therefore, are in error, when the action of this Synod in the case is construed to mean "pledges" in the ordinary sense of said term. We have regarded the claims of our Mission Board as prior to all others. We recognize Iowa Classis as comprising promising missionary terri-

tory, and we are in sympathy with the self-denying efforts of the brethren in that Classis to push forward the cause of missions; therefore,

Resolved, That we regard the Iowa field as a most hopeful field of missionary activity for the Reformed Church; and that we earnestly recommend to all the pastoral charges belonging to this Synod to make exertions in raising missionary funds to exceed the amounts respectively apportioned to them, in order that there may be surplus funds to send to expend in supporting missions in that quarter.

Resolved, That, because of obligations already assumed, we cannot make a definite appropriation for their relief.

Resolved, That this Synod requests the Classes to give special attention to the claims of missions, to urge the importance of Systematic Benevolence, the further introduction of Missionary Societies in congregations and Sunday-schools, the holding of missionary festivals, and the adoption of such measures as will best secure the largest amount of money and most widely extend our missionary operations.

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with profound regret of the death of Elder William A. Wilt, of York, Pa., who died Sept. 5th, 1880, after a short illness—a man of ripe, Christian character, and of great moral worth—a devoted member of the Church, and an efficient member of the Board of Missions since the organization of this Synod. While we mourn his loss to us, we rejoice in the assurance that he died in the faith and has entered upon his reward, and his works do follow him.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. Eschbach,
W. K. Zieber,
S. F. Laury,
Chas. F. Sontag,
C. A. Shultz,
Sam'l Dutrow.
Sam'l D. Piper.
Committee.

An interesting missionary meeting was held on Saturday evening, at which a collection, amounting to $58.68, was lifted for the benefit of the Mint Spring Mission, in Augusta county, Va.

By reference to the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, it will be seen that the Classes comprising the Synod of the Potomac contributed, during the past Synodical year, more than one thousand dollars in excess of the sum assigned to the Synod to be raised during the year.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions be and is hereby requested to prepare a plan or plans, and specifications for the building of chapels by missionary congregations under its charge.

At the election for members of the different Boards, held during the session of Saturday Afternoon, Revs. E. R. Eschbach and E. N. Kremer were elected as members of the Synodic Board of Missions for the term of four years, and Elder S. Dutrow for two years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. E. R. Eschbach,	4 years,	October, 1884.
" E. N. Kremer,	4 "	" 1884.
" G. W. Welker,	3 "	" 1883.
" J. O. Miller,	2 "	" 1882.
Elder S. Dutrow,	2 "	" 1882.
" G. S. Griffith,	1 year,	" 1881.
Rev. A. H. Kremer,	1 "	" 1881.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited. The Report is as follows:

LEWIS H. STEINER, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church.*

DR.

Oct. 24, 1879.	To Balance in the Treasury,	$391.83
" 27, "	To cash from collection at Missionary Meeting in Frederick,	42.70
Dec. 16, "	To loan from Board of Education, being amount of legacy of Jacob Stoudenour, of Friend's Cove, Pa., to Treasurer of said Board, the interest of which is to be applied to its charitable uses,	200.00
April 10, 1880.	To cash—Bequest from Philip Brechbill to Synod,—the interest of which is to be paid annually to the Pastor of the Reformed Church, at Churchtown, Cumberland County, Pa., forwarded by check, dated April 2, 1880, from S. M. Leidich, Esq., for $200.50, including 50c. for expenses,	200.50
May 26, "	To cash from Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Treasurer of Virginia Classis,—balance due on assessment for 1879-'80, for contingent expenses,	10.00
June 21, "	To cash from Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of Mercersburg Classis, assessment of said Classis for 1879-'80,	160.00
Sept. 9, "	To cash from Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, assessment of said Classis for 1879-'80,	160.00
Oct. 5, "	To cash from Rev. T. Long, Treasurer of North Carolina Classis, assessment of said Classis for 1879-'80,	40.00
		$1,205.03

CONTRA. CR.

Oct. 27, 1879.	By cash to Rev. J. O. Miller, per order of Synod,	$22.00
" " "	By cash to Rev. E. E. Higbee—expenses of committee on music for hymn-book, . .	25.20
" 28, "	By cash to R. F. Kelker, Treasurer of Foreign Missions, ...	42.70
Dec. 16, "	By cash to Louis Markell on loan made by him to Synod for Board of Publication, .	200.00
Jan. 24, 1880.	By cash to Small & Welsh, for printing Minutes, ...	119.00
" " "	By cash to Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Stated Clerk, expenses, ...	15.00
April 10, "	By cash to Louis Markell on loan, . .	200.00
May 27, "	By cash to Louis Markell on loan, . .	200.00
June 21, "	By cash to Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Stated Clerk, salary, ...	100.00
Oct. 5, "	Balance in Treasury, . . .	281.13
		$1,205.03

Delinquent Classis.

Zion's Classis for contingent expenses for 1879-'80, . .	$160.00

Liabilities of Synod.

Stoudenour Bequest to Board of Education, drawing interest from December 16, 1879, ...	$200.00
Brechbill Bequest to Churchtown Church, drawing interest from April 2, 1880, ...	200.00
Balance due on Markell loan, with interest to Oct. 13, 1880, .	297.20
Assessment of General Synod, ...	260.00
	$957.20

Of the above, provision must be made for the payment of the last two items, and of the *interest* on the first two. The probable expenses of Synod for the coming year, as also those of the Sessions of 1880, must be provided for.

It is suggested that some action be had in reference to the mode of payment of the Brechbill interest to the Churchtown pastor.

Respectfully submitted.

LEWIS H. STEINER.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted their report, during Monday morning's session, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.

Your Committee on Finance report, that they have examined the Treasurer's Report, with the accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct, with a balance of $281.13 in the treasury. To meet the current expenses of the Synod, and the reduction of loan ordered by the Synod, your Committee recommend the following assessments:

Zion's Classis,	$160.00
Maryland "	160.00
Mercersburg "	160.00
Virginia "	40.00
North Carolina Classis,	25.00
Making	$545.00

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER,
J. M. SCHICK,
S. L. WHITMORE,
JOEL J. ROSSITER, } *Committee.*
JOHN P. REED,
I. H. KEEFER,
W. H. BARGELT.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay two hundred and sixty dollars to the Treasurer of the General Synod, said sum being the amount assessed upon this Synod in 1878 by the General Synod for Contingent Fund.

III. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Board of Trustees of Synod presented their annual report to Synod, during the session of Friday morning, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.

The Board of Trustees of the Synod of the Potomac met in Frederick, Md., Oct. 24, 1879, and was organized by electing Rev. J. O. Miller, President, and Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, Secretary.

The Board continued the Rev. M. H. Sangree as their agent to collect the balance due on the loan effected by them by order of the Synod. He reports, that he has been unable to canvass during the year. and has therefore accomplished nothing. We suggest, therefore, inasmuch as it is difficult to liquidate the remaining indebtedness, in this way, that the Synod advise a small increase to the several Classes for contingent expenses, and in this way the indebtedness of $297.20 due Louis Markell may be cancelled.

In regard to the interest of the Philip Brechbill legacy, the Board suggest that the Treasurer of Synod be and hereby is authorized to pay the same, when due, to the Rev. George E. Addams, pastor of the Churchtown congregation, or his successor in office. And further, that the interest on the loan from the Board of Education of this Synod, the Treasurer be authorized, in the same way, to pay to the Rev. William M. Deatrick, the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

And still further, the Board calls the attention of this Synod to the fact, that the term of office of the Rev. J. O. Miller, as Trustee, expires January 1st, 1881, and a successor will have to be chosen to fill his place.

J. O. MILLER, *President of the Board.*

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Rev. J. T. Rossiter was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod for five years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. J. T. Rossiter,	5 years,	January 1, 1886
Elder Louis Markell,	4 "	" 1, 1885
" H. Wirt Shriver,	3 "	" 1, 1884
Rev. W. R. H. Deatrich,	2 "	" 1, 1883
Elder Lewis H. Steiner,	1 year,	" 1, 1882

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing took place under this caption.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its annual report, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

The Board organized at the close of the sessions of the last Synod, by electing Rev. J. W. Santee, *President*, and Rev. A. R. Kremer, *Secretary and Treasurer*. The duties of the Board are somewhat undefined, and as such, no business was created during the year, claiming attention, and the Board has nothing special to report. According to custom of former years, the Board made the following order to be observed during the sessions of this Synod, and would recommend Friday Evening as the time, and the following the subject for discussion: *Sunday-school Teachers* and *Sunday-school Literature*. Speakers—Revs. W. R. H. Deatrich and I. S. Weisz. To be followed by short addresses by members of Synod.

The Treasurer of the Board reports that he has in hand the amount of $49.77. And further, the term of Rev. W. K. Zieber will expire with this present session, and asks the Synod to make provision for the election of a successor.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SANTEE, *President*.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, The action of this Synod, one year ago, on the matter of the Lesson Papers, did not secure, at the hands of those having control in the premises, the form of Lesson Papers, which this Synod desires; and WHEREAS, This Synod entertains the same views and desires as expressed in last year's action; therefore,

Resolved, That the action of last Synod be reiterated in regard to the preparation of the Sunday-school Lessons, according to the order of the Church Year.

Rev. Wm. Rupp was, on motion, re-elected the member from this Synod of the committee to prepare such lessons.

The Reformed Church Publication Board was, on motion, requested to remunerate him in the future for his labors.

At the election held for members of the different Boards of Synod Rev. W. K. Zieber was re-elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the term of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. W. K. Zieber,	5 years,	October, 1885
Elder G. S. Griffith,	4 "	" 1884
Rev. D. W. Ebbert,	3 "	" 1883
Rev. J. W. Santee,	2 "	" 1882
Rev. A. R. Kremer,	1 year,	" 1881

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following resolution, in reference to the items under the heading of *Irregularities* in the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write to the Stated Clerks of the San Francisco and Portland-Oregon Classes, respectfully calling the attention of those Classes to the *irregularities* in their action, as specified under items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of said Report.

Items 7, 11 and 19 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. R. Kremer, L. M. Hensell and Elder J. H. Lichliter for consideration. At a subsequent session, this committee submitted their report, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee, to whom items 7, 11 and 19 of the Report on Minutes of Classes were referred for consideration, beg leave to submit the following report. In reference to item 7, your Committee submit the following resolution for adoption.

Resolved, That this Synod has learned with regret that the Classis of San Francisco has transacted business without a constitutional quorum, and earnestly enjoins upon said Classis to avoid such irregularity in the future.

The same Classis, according to item 19, although organized without a constitutional quorum, proceeded to examine, license and ordain Mr. E. De Geller, to the office of the Christian Ministry. In

reference to this, your committee would offer the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That this action of certain ministers of the said San Francisco Classis, in ordaining Mr. E. De Geller, is irregular, however unavoidable it may have seemed under the circumstances, and the Synod instructs all concerned to adhere rigidly to the law of the Church in a matter of so great importance; and, further, that this Synod, inasmuch as said ordination has actually been performed, with good and loyal intention, as appears on the record, hereby validates the same.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of item 11.

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. Kremer,
L. M. Hensell, } *Committee.*
J. H. Lichliter,

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk, in regard to the publication of the Minutes of the Seventh Annual Meeting of Synod, and was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last Annual Meeting of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, according to instructions, and distributed them agreeably to the rules and regulations in the case. The Minutes number eight pages more than those of the previous year, but actually cost $5.25 less. The Minutes were printed and bound by Messrs. Small and Welsh, of York, Pa., at a cost of $119, which was punctually paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk.*

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have two thousand copies of the Minutes of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed, and to distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

On motion, the printing of the Minutes was ordered to be offered to the Reformed Church Publication Board, for the present year.

I. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD.

The Annual Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board was received and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. The Report is as follows, to wit:

Annual Report of the Board of Publication from August 1st, 1879, to July 31st, 1880.

To the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully submits the following report:

The Board has had three meetings during the year, and at each of them given earnest attention to the interests entrusted to their care. It affords them great pleasure to be able to report a decided improvement in the affairs of the Board, especially as compared with its operations during the previous year. In all the departments, there has been an increase in the receipts of the Board, and in the case of some of the periodicals, it has been very decided. None of the latter also have allen off in the number of subscribers, whilst in the case of some of them, the increase over all discontinuances is quite encouraging. The excess of additions over discontinuances in each case is as follows: Messenger, 1167; Guardian, 337; Review, 35; Child's Treasury, monthly, 384, Semi-monthly, 506; Sunshine, 1,253, and Lesson Papers, 462.

In the Book department there has been a slight improvement, and this might be made decidedly more so in the future, were proper encouragement extended to it generally by the Church. Funds are needed to get out new works, which would add materially to the interest and efficiency of the workings of this department, and it is to be hoped, some friends of means in the Church may be induced to make liberal contributions for this purpose, as is done in other Churches. In many instances members of the Church, also, purchase their books for Sunday-schools and other Church purposes, elsewhere, under the mistaken notion, that they thus obtain them at a less cost. Such, however, are the arrangements of the Board with other houses, that their books are furnished to it at such rates as to enable the Board to sell them to others at the same prices, as they can be purchased by them directly from these houses themselves, and at the same time afford a small profit to the Board. Should the mistaken notion to which we refer be corrected, and the patronage of the Church given to the Board in preference to other houses, it would greatly add to the efficiency and success of the Book department. And may it not be hoped that the desired change will take place? The number of copies of books, &c., printed for this department during the year, is 34,500.

The usual committee, to whom is assigned the special duty of taking an account of stock and investigating the financial condition of the establishment, was appointed. They attended to their duty, and reported, that "they find the stock in the store in good condition, having less unsaleable goods than last year. The price of some books they reduced, and advanced none, which they think leaves the stock worth its present valuation. The financial condition they found quite satisfactory, a detailed account of which is furnished in the Superintendent's report to the Board." This report presents the following footing up for the year:

Receipts from all sources,		$34,106 84
Disbursements,		33,132 06
Excess of Receipts,		$974 78
Assets, reported face value,	$58,943 26	
Deduction by committee	12,723 27	
Value of assets as estimated	$46,219 99	
Add real estate	35,000 00	
Carried over	$81,219 99	

Amount of assets brought over . .		$81,219 99
Liabilities : General . .	$34,599 75	
Mortgage . .	20,000 00	
		54,599 75
Excess of assets		$26,620 24

In consequence of severe family afflictions and overwork, the Superintendent was taken seriously ill in February last, so that at one stage of his illness his physician considered his life in danger. The Board felt, it was necessary, that he should be relieved from some of his labors. Hence at its meeting in April last; it associated with him, as Assistant Superintendent, the Rev. Charles G. Fisher, who had been summoned to his father's side during his illness. This arrangement was effected without adding anything to the expenses of the Board, and there is every reason to believe, that it will work decidedly to its interests. Under the special direction of his physician, the Superintendent found it necessary to be absent from his post, for a short season, at intervals, during the past Summer. His place, however, during such absence was supplied at his own expense, so that his temporary absence was of no serious disadvantage to the Board.

The Board has endeavored in all things to move forward with the utmost economy, and to persevere in its special efforts to collect its outstanding dues. At its last meeting, it instructed its Superintendent to notify all persons owing for two years or more, for books and periodicals, to settle their accounts, and if said accounts are not attended to within sixty days after such notice is given, to place them in the hands of a solicitor for collection.

The Board congratulates the Church on the successful efforts of its General Agent, Mr. H. K. Binkley, in securing subscribers to the "Messenger." It is hoped he may be equally successful in the future, and to this end, the Board solicits for him the earnest and hearty co-operation of the brethren of the Church, whose charges he may visit from time to time, in the prosecution of his labors.

The Board has instructed the Superintendent to discontinue the issue of the single sheet "Messenger" after the close of the present year. It also deemed it expedient, after a careful revision of the whole subject, not to discontinue the publication of the Semi-monthly Child's Treasury, as proposed in its last annual report. It has likewise instructed the Superintendent of the Book Department to reduce the price of the Order of Worship, Hymn books, and several other works published by the Board, the present prices of which will be given to the public through another channel.

At the first meeting of the Board after the last annual sessions of the Synods, it reduced the salaries of the several persons in its employ, effecting thus a considerable deduction in the amount of its current expenses, whilst all possible economy has been also observed in every other direction.

The term of service of Geo. W. Hensel, one of the Trustees from the Synod of the United States, will expire on the 1st of January, 1881. Hence it will devolve upon that Synod to fill the vacancy that will thus occur in the Board, at its present annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. Gross, *President.*

Samuel R. Fisher, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 12th, 1880.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication reported, during the session of Saturday Forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted. The Report as adopted is as follows:

Your Committee on Publication beg leave respectfully to report:

Your Committee had placed in their hands three papers, to wit:—The Annual Report of the Board of Publication for the year ending July 31, 1880; the detailed statement of business and condition of the Reformed Church Publication Board for the same year; and the annual statement of the receipts and disbursements of the establishment. Which several papers were considered by your Committee, and upon consultation have concluded to present to Synod the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod learns with great pleasure, that the efforts put forth by the Board of Publication to increase the subscription lists of the Church periodicals have been attended with such large success, and would hereby renew its request to the ministers and consistories within the bounds of this Synod, to continue their efforts, and to co-operate with the agents of the Board in carrying forward this work.

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the favorable turn, which has taken place in the business operations of the Board, and the improved exhibit of results, as compared with the preceding year.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily approves the movement of the Board in reducing the price of its publications.

Resolved, That this Synod commends the Board of Publication to the favorable notice of our ministers, Sunday-school superintendents, and membership generally, for the procurement of their supplies of books and other articles, dealt in by the Board.

Resolved, That this Synod learns with regret, that an impression largely prevails, that the Board presents less favorable inducements, for the purchase of books and other articles, in which it deals, as also in the printing of pamphlets, minutes of Synod, &c., than competing houses. That the attention of the Board be called to this fact, with the request, that whatever of truth there may be in this impression, may command its early attention, with all possible effort for the removal of this sure hindrance to a speedy enlargement of its business success.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested by this Synod to publish a new edition of the Heidelberg Catechism from new plates.

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly requests the Board of Publication, that the "Order of Worship," and the "Hymns for the Reformed Church" be bound with stronger binding.

Respectfully submitted.

S. N. Callender,
Ellis N. Kremer,
J. David Miller,
Isaac M. Motter,
Abram Whetstone,
Jacob Reed,
F. A. Daihl.
} *Committee.*

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod reported, under item 15, the continuance of the Committee to prepare and publish, conjointly with a similar Committee from the Synod of the Reformed

Church in the United States, an edition of "Hymns for the Reformed Church," *with music.*

The Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Potomac Synod.

Your Committee, on Music for the new Hymn Book, beg leave to report, that they have finished the selection of tunes required, and have them all nearly copied out for the hands of the printer. All that is required now, is one more joint-meeting of the Committees of the two Synods to complete the work, and place it in the hands of the printers.

Respectfully submitted.

E. E. Higbee.

The Committee was continued, with instructions to have said Hymn Book, with music, published at the earliest practicable time.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Goldsboro S. Griffith,.....3 years,..... 1883.
" Adam B. Wingerd,.....2 " ..... 1882.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday afternoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented their report, which was received and adopted. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have a sufficient number of tickets of these nominations printed for the use of the Synod, and the election was made the order of the day for Saturday afternoon, after Preparatory Services. At the time designated, the election took place. Revs. I. M. Motter, D. W. Ebbert, D. N. Dittmar and Elder J. M. Hoffman, were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. This result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday-schools, Regents of Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO PEACE CONVENTION.

The Delegates or Commissioners to the Peace Convention, held in Harrisburg, Pa., last autumn, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, viz.:

Inasmuch as a desire has been expressed, that the Delegates elected by this Synod to represent it in the Peace Commission, lately convened in Harrisburg, Pa., obedient to the call of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, should communicate to this body some general account of the results of that convocation, the undersigned in obedience to the intent

of their election repaired to Harrisburg, Pa., at the appointed time, to wit, Nov. 26, 1879, where, together with all the delegates elected by the several District Synods, save one member from the Pittsburg Synod, who did not appear, they entered upon the discharge of the solemn and important duty committed to their hands. The sessions of the Commission extended over the space of one week, when the most happy and harmonious results were reached, as appeared in the Pastoral Letter addressed, and published to the ministers and membership of the Church.

Your delegates would beg to say, that whatever apprehensions may anywhere have existed prior to the meeting of the Commission, as to the temper and disposition which might be developed, all were most happily allayed after the very first meeting. Each Commissioner seemed to be impressed with a deeply solemn sense of the vital gravity of the work committed to their hands. There was a full and fair expression given to the several interests to be reconciled, and the assurances were mutually given, that almost any reasonable concession ought to be made on either side, which did not involve the sacrifice of principle. The discussions were conciliatory, but, at the same time, manly and firm, while the spirit of prayer and a solemn sense of the fear of God, and devotion to the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, marked them throughout.

The satisfactory and harmonious results reached, impressed each one with a lively sense of the presence and grace of the Holy Spirit, and when, as a befitting conclusion of thanksgiving and worship, the whole body gathered around the altar of our Saviour's dying love, all alone in that large church, and late at night, such was the clear apprehension of the presence and guidance of the Spirit of God, that each one bowed his head with the profoundest reverence and worship, and tears of thankfulness and praise moistened many an eye. It was one of the richest feasts of charity and reverent worship, that it ever has been the privilege of your delegates to share in. We parted with the prayer that God would bless our labors, and bring peace, and love and prosperity to our beloved Church, so long agitated and disturbed.

Respectfully submitted.

S. N. Callender,
G. Wm. Welker,
Henry Wirt,
Lewis H. Steiner.

In this connection, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod is devoutly thankful to the Head of the Church for the happy results already reached by the action of the Peace Commission, and prays for the further guidance of the Holy Ghost, so that the work now begun may, by the action of the next General Synod of the Church, in the adoption of the report of said Commission, reach a blessed conclusion.

The overture from the Mercersburg Classis, as contained in item 6, of the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis, requesting the Synod to recommend to all its congregations the observance of the 18th day of May, 1881, upon which the General Synod is to convene, as a time of fasting and prayer for the Divine blessing upon the deliberation of that body, was granted, and that day was ordered to be so observed.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was instructed to call the attention of all concerned, to the foregoing action, by announcement in *The Messenger* and in *The Christian World*, some time previous to the convening of the General Synod.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under item 3, reported a statement of the condition and wants of Bethany Orphan's Home at Womelsdorf, Pa. The item was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Sykes, J. S. Loose, and Elder S. B. Snively. This Committee, during the session of Tuesday Forenoon, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BETHANY ORPHAN HOME.

Your committee would respectfully report, that the only document which has come into their hands, is the Report of the Board of Managers of said Institution.

From this Report we learn, that there has been growing prosperity during the past year; that the health and behavior of the Orphans has been good. Sixteen Orphans were admitted, and eight left the Home, during the year. The whole number of orphans, now in the Home, is sixty. On last Good-Friday, seven of the orphans were admitted to the full communion of the Church by confirmation.

The total receipts amounted to $6,647.93; this included a legacy of $1000, and another of $100; besides an old claim of $1,340, which was collected; and $4,300 contributed by individuals and congregations.

The expenditures amounted to $6,418.67; the floating debt, one year ago, was $3000; it has been reduced to $800. The farm has yielded good crops, in the past year, and promises to do still better in the future.

During the past year, an effort has been made to provide for the payment of a claim of $4000, which was due one year ago. The intention was to get forty persons, to give each $100. The effort was in part, successful; to what extent this was done, we are unable to state.

In view of the present condition and present wants of this Institution, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we heartily recommend all our ministers and congregations to contribute so far as possible, to this worthy object.

Resolved, That we recommend those of our congregations, which have Christmas services, to devote their Christmas alms to this object; and those congregations, which do not have Christmas services, we recommend to devote the collections of some one Lord's Day, to this purpose, due notice having been given beforehand.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. SYKES,
JOS. S. LOOSE,
SAM'L B. SNIVELY. } *Committee.*

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND WIDOWS OF MINISTERS.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Society for the Relief of disabled Ministers and the Widows of deceased Ministers, is a subject of the greatest importance and interest to the ministry; and, WHEREAS, Disabled Ministers and Widows are multiplying on our hands annually; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod commends this Society to the favorable consideration of the churches, and requests the Classes within its bounds to order a collection for the benefit of the Society, to be taken up, in our churches, on or about the third Sunday in June next.

Item 4 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, having reference to the irregularity of the Maryland Classis, in the payment of missionaries without orders from the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, as complained of by said Board, was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. Wm. R. H. Deatrich, Ellis N. Kremer, and Elder J. P. Reed.

At a subsequent session, this Committee reported; their report was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred item 4, of the Report of the Committee on Overtures, beg leave to report, That Maryland Classis was irregular in paying out missionary money to missionaries, without an order from the Board of Missions. Synod expresses the hope, that all the Classes will pay out their missionary funds through the Board of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. R. H. Deatrich,
Ellis N. Kremer,
Jno. P. Reed.
} *Committee.*

Rev. I. S. Weisz was, on motion, appointed Reading Clerk, for the present sessions of Synod.

Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, F. J. Sauerber and E. N. Kremer, were appointed a committee to report the proceedings of Synod for the public press.

An assessment of twenty-five cents was laid upon each member of Synod to meet the necessary incidental expenses of the present sessions of the Synod. Rev. A. Shulenberger, and Elder E. Williard, were appointed a special committee to collect said assessment. At a subsequent session, the committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

We, the committee to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of the Synod, report, that we have fulfilled our trust, and have collected twenty-three dollars and seventy-five cents, and have passed the same over to the *Pastor loci*.

Respectfully submitted.

A. Shulenberger,
Ezra Williard.
} *Committee.*

Item 12 of the Report on Minutes of Classes, having reference to the non-acceptance by the Zion's Classis of the amount apportioned to said Classis by the Synod for the purchasing of a lot, and the erecting of a chapel for Grace Reformed Mission in Washington, D. C., was referred to a special committee for consideration,

consisting of Revs. G. L. Staley, J. H. Sykes, and Elder J. T. Motter. This committee reported, at a subsequent session, as follows, which was received and adopted, viz.:

Your Committee, to whom was referred item 12 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, would respectfully report for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we have heard with great regret, that Zion's Classis did not accede to the apportionment made by the Synod for the purpose specified.

Resolved, That, in view of the great importance aimed at, namely, the establishment of an English congregation of the Reformed Church, in the Capital of the nation, we earnestly request the Zion's Classis to take upon themselves their proper proportion of the burden, which is, as we believe, the amount allotted to that Classis, at the meeting of the Synod at Hagerstown.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. Sykes, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, to wit:

Whereas, The General Synod of Lancaster, held in 1878, made its assessment for contingent expenses upon the District Synods on the basis or ratio of members, contrary to the precedent formed by all the previous General Synods, which was on the basis or ratio of ministers belonging to each District Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully and earnestly overtures the next General Synod, to be held in Tiffin, Ohio, next May, to return to the basis or ratio of ministers, in making its assessments for contingent expenses.

Resolved, further, That this Synod requests those who may be delegated from the several Classes of this Synod to the next General Synod, to urge a return to the basis or ratio of ministers, in making the necessary assessments for contingent purposes, as the only proper and equitable one.

On Saturday morning, a committee was appointed, with power to grant leave of absence, consisting of Revs. J. H. Sykes, P. A. Long and Elder W. H. Haugh. The committee reported, just before final adjournment, as follows, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence would respectfully report, that quite a number of applications have been made, and that after carefully considering the merits of each case, as they appeared, have granted such leave of absence to the following members of Synod:

Ministers.—A. Spangler, A. J. Whitmore, G. L. Staley, I. S. Weisz, W. F. Colliflower, P. A. Long, W. K. Zieber, J. Kretzing, J. C. Bowman, E. R. Eschbach, L. G. Kremer, F. J. Sauerber, and *Elders* M. A. Berry, W. A. Cushwa, J. M. Hoffman, J. E. Singer, S. Dutrow, J. T. Motter, G. H. Stambaugh, F. A. Daihl, and H. Wirt.

Respectfully submitted.

John H. Sykes,
Wm. H. Haugh.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee offer the following as their report:

During the Synodical year now closing, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call two of our Brethren, the Rev. Jacob Sechler and the Rev. John Ault, from their labors on earth to their reward in heaven. Both died in their fields of labor, at their posts of duty and honor; the former at an advanced age, and the latter in the vigor of his manhood.

The Rev. Jacob Sechler died at his residence in Hanover, York county, Pa., on the 10th of May last. He was born in Turbut township, Northumberland county, Pa., March 18th, A. D. 1806. His age was seventy-four years, one month and twenty-two days. He was buried on Thursday morning, May 13th, in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, near Hanover, Pa.

From his youth he was earnest and devoted, and possessed early in life the desire to enter the Christian ministry. At the age of eighteen years, after attending a course of catechetical instruction, he was confirmed. The period of his preparation for the high office of the ministry was a season of great struggle, and trial, and darkness. He spent three years in an academy at Reisterstown, Baltimore county, Maryland. In the fall of 1834 he went to the High School and Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at York, Pa., presided over by the Rev. Drs. Lewis Mayer and Frederick A. Rauch. Here he pursued his studies for the term of one year; and then, for reasons satisfactory to himself, he went to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., where he completed his studies preparatory to the work of the Christian Ministry.

He commenced his labors in the ministry as assistant to the Rev. Samuel Gutelius, pastor of the Hanover Charge, who was then in ill health. Having labored in this capacity for four months, he was, upon the resignation of Rev. S. Gutelius. elected as pastor of the charge, and accepted the solemn trust on the 20th of June, A. D. 1837. He was licensed and ordained by Zion's Classis in the spring of 1837, being then thirty-one years of age. In this first field he labored for a period of twenty-two years. He established other preaching points and built new churches, and the work of the Lord greatly prospered in his hands. At the expiration of the twenty-two years of labor, this charge was divided, and he received immediately a call from that part called the Littlestown Charge, and accepted it. Here he labored continuously and faithfully for seven and a-half years. At this time (1866), the Hanover Charge was divided, and the country churches, as now organized, were called the Manheim Charge. He received a call from this charge, and entered upon his labors November 1st, 1866. Here he continued fourteen years, until the time of his death. His whole ministry embraces a period of forty-three years.

To bring before you, in a few words, the excellences and great worth of this venerable and good father, we quote from the paper adopted by Zion's Classis, in reference to his death: "Mild and gentle in manner, diligent in the discharge of his duties, and an earnest preacher, he secured and held the confidence and affection of all who knew him." St. Paul says: "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." To the full measure of his ability, Bro. Sechler met this requirement. To him the Head of the Church has already spoken the great reward: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Rev. John Ault died, after an illness of ten days, at his residence in Littlestown, Adams county, Pa., on Monday, July 26th. He was born at Annville, Lebanon county, Pa., on the 1st of April, 1836. His age was forty-four years, three months and twenty-six days. His lifeless remains were interred, July 29th, in a grave near the entrance to Christ's Church, a short distance from Littlestown.

Bro. Ault, like Father Sechler, was reared in the Reformed Church. Baptized in his infancy by Rev. H. Wagner, after attending a course of catechetical instruction, he was confirmed by the Rev. F. W. Kremer, of Lebanon, Pa. It was by the advice of his pastor, who saw in him those peculiar gifts, which would qualify him for the work of the Christian ministry, that, in 1853, he entered the Freshman Class of Franklin and Marshall College. Here he took a full course, and graduated with honor in 1857. In the fall of the same year, he entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa., where he remained one year. In 1858 he was licensed by the Classis of Lebanon, and was subsequently received by the Classis of Zion. Having received a call from the Sulphur Spring Charge, in Cumberland county, Pa., and having accepted it, he was ordained to the Holy Ministry. In 1859 he received and accepted a call from the Loudon and St. Thomas Charge in Franklin county, and continued to serve it until 1863. Here he labored earnestly and faithfully, and the charge enjoyed a high degree of prosperity. From this place, in 1863, he removed to Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, and became pastor of four congregations in the vicinity of this town. He organized a congregation in Mechanicsburg, and, in 1864 built a church; and so extraordinary was his prosperity, that this church was soon found too small, and in 1868 it was greatly enlarged.

In 1873, Brother Ault received a call from the Christ Church Charge, in the vicinity of Littlestown, Adams county, Pa. Here he labored until the time of his death. In this charge also large additions were made to the church, and some of the church edifices were remodeled and others enlarged.

Brother Ault was possessed of a kind heart and could sympathize with suffering wherever he met it. It was perhaps this that led him, during the late civil strife, to serve a whole year as chaplain of the 126th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, sharing with the men their perils and toils. In whatever he undertook, he labored with great earnestness. As a minister, he was active in visiting his people, and faithful in preaching the truth as it is in Jesus. But his work is done, his warfare is accomplished, and the Lord has called him up higher. "They that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever."

Respectfully submitted.

I. G. Brown,
J. David Miller,
Reinhart R. Smith. } *Committee.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were moved and unanimously adopted:

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the most hearty thanks of this Synod be tendered the Pastor, consistory, and members of the Reformed Church and other citizens of Wood-

stock and vicinity, for their marked kindness and liberal hospitality extended to us during our present sessions.

Resolved, That the Pastor loci be requested to read the foregoing resolution from his pulpit, and have it published in the newspapers of Woodstock.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate the thanks of Synod to the management of the Baltimore and Ohio, the Cumberland Valley, and the Pennsylvania Railroads, for favoring the members of Synod, in travelling over their respective roads at reduced rates of fare.

The Synodical Roll was called just before final adjournment, and the following members were found to be absent without permission, namely: Revs. R. R. Smith and Elder D. Hildebrand, of *Zion's Classis;* Rev. S. M. Hench and Elder J. B. Zimmerman, of *Maryland Classis;* and Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, L. M. Hensell, and Elders T. N. Sellers and R. L. Gray, of *Virginia Classis.*

The Minutes were then finally read and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

The following resolutions were adopted, during the session of Saturday afternoon, to wit:

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of Synod be *in General Convention.*

Resolved, That when we adjourn finally, it be to meet again in annual sessions in Trinity Reformed Church, of Waynesboro, Franklin County, Pa., on Wednesday evening, October 19th, A.D. 1881, at 7 o'clock.

The Synod adjourned finally on Tuesday afternoon, October 19th, at 12¼ o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the doxology, and benediction by the President.

G. H. MARTIN, *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd	Baptisms Inf'ts	Baptisms Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Stud. for Ministry.	Contributions. Bener. Purp.	Contributions. Cong. Purp.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Riegel,	2	Dillsburg,	245	45	12	4	13		204				21	3			$22 00		Dillsburg, York County, Pa.
Jacob Ziegler,		Without charge,																	York, York do
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	1	1st Ref. Ch., York & Vicinity	385	278	28	1	20	4	352	5			10	2	450		450 00	3500 00	York, York do
Daniel Gring,		Without charge,																	Glen Rock, do
William K. Zieber, D. D.,	1	Hanover,	365	300	11	1	22	14	300	5		5	6	1	260	1	723 00	1301 00	Hanover, York do
Vacant,	4	Christ Church,	1027	545	66	3	60	3	930	10	1	5	17	4	375		155 00	1325 00	Littlestown, Adams do
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,	2	Mechanicsburg,	293	176	14	5	8	2	290	6		8	16	2	283		70 00	1600 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumber. do
Jacob D. Zehring,		Without charge,																	Codorus, York do
Rinehart R. Smith,	6	Trinity,	285	226	51	1	9	3	215	1		2	11	6	215		43 00	456 00	York, York do
Aaron Wanner, D. D.,	3	York Springs,	303	207	17		6		245	3			9	2	125	1	100 00	500 00	York, York do
Aaron Spangler,	1	Zion's Church, (York)	450	225	34	1	43	7	250	4		2	11	1	110		67 00	900 00	York, York do
Francis S. Lindaman,	4	Zion's,	388	270	26	1	9	11	330	6			6	6	200	1	125 00	1000 00	Blain, Perry do
Reuben Rauhauser,	4	Mt. Pleasant,	145	100	41		10	3	120	2			5	4	150		35 00	4 00	Felton, do
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.,	4	Paradise,	840	520	72	5	51	7	775	15			26	8	380		800 00	1400 00	York, York do
Moses Kieffer, D.D.,	2	Gettysburg,	350	240	18	2	14	6	335	8			7	1	130		170 00	1200 00	Gettysburg, Adams do
Andrew J. Heller,	4	Conowago,	460	295	32		7	13	420	1			16	4	205		518 00	1242 00	Arendtsville, Adams do
George W. Glessner, D. D.,		Without charge,																	Shippensburg, do
Wm. F. Colliflower,		Without charge,																	Frederick City, Md.
John Kretzing,	3	New Bloomfield,	272	210	7	2	11	9	207	7			10	3	300		86 00	800 00	Newport, Pa.
U. Henry Heilman,	3	Duncannon,	125	100	6	1	2	4	100	5			3	2	150		100 00	520 00	Duncannon, Perry do
J. Marion Mickly,	1	Newburg,	112	82	9				105				2	1	120		30 00	630 00	Newburg Creek, do
E. Garver Williams,	3	Kreutz Creek,	198	100	15	1	11	7	123	2		1	5	4	225		40 00	550 00	Red Lion, York do
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	1	Carlisle,	200	170	9		3	4	170	3		20	2	1	150		17 00	2300 00	Carlisle, Cumberland do
Fred. J. Sauerber,	1	Heidelberg,	188	145	15	1	5	13	150	2			2	1	230			1000 00	York, York do
Wm. D. Lefever,		Without charge.																	Littlestown, do
Ambrose D. Gring,		Missionary to Japan																	Tokio, Japan.
Geo. E. Addams,	4	Sulphur Spring,	167	76	6	2	8		141		1		3	4	100		63 00	536 00	Carlisle, Cumberland Pa.
Wm. H. Xanders,	2	Trinity Mission,	50	30	8			8	34	4			8	1	65		5 00	488 00	York, York do
Silas F. Laury,	4	Emanuel's,	970	970	68	2	26	1	831	3			18	9	600		149 00	900 00	Codorus, York do
David U. Wolff,	3	Abbottstown,	430	450	37		5		400	4			36	4	150		52 00	1000 00	Oxford, do
Vacant,	4	Shrewsbury,	435	200	32			4	355	3			20	5	200	1	96 00	700 00	Shrewsbury, York do
Henry Hilbish,	4	Manheim,	460	170	22				440					8	200		192 00		Hanover, York do
Vacant,	2	East Berlin charge,	160	100					150					2	75				East Berlin, do
Vacant,	4	Landisburg,	335	205	15		13	4	280	7			5	4	325		162 00	1160 00	Landisburg, Perry do
Sup. by John Kretzing,	1	St. Andrew's Cong.,	19	20			7	1	18								5 00	40 00	
Sup. by Rev. A. Wanner,	2	Mt. Zion and Hoover's Congs.	140	120	17		21		123				2	3	120		40 00	250 00	
Samuel T. Wagner,		Licentiate,																	Landisburg, Perry do
Total, '31.	80	28,	9797	6555	688	33	389	128	8393	106	2	43	277	96	5893	4	$4315 00	$25,302 00	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms Inf'ts.	Baptisms Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions. Benev. Purp's.	Contributions. Cong'l Purp's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph W. Santee, D. D.,	4	Cavetown,	390	150	26	4	24	3	355	7			10	4	220		$123 00	$700 00	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
George L. Staley, D. D.,	1	St. Stephens,	25	15		1	2		23	2							10 00		Knoxville, Frederick do
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.,	1	Evangelical Reformed,	551	420	29	2	35	8	441	5			24	1	550		1485 00	2891 00	Frederick, do do
William Goodrich,	2	Clearspring,	170	80	16	4	6	2	170	3			12	2	140		114 00	1100 00	Clearspring, Washington do
Simon S. Miller,	2	Boonsboro,	174	125	9	1	2	3	160	2			9	2	175		82 00	1875 00	Boonsboro, do do
J. Spangler Kieffer,	2	Hagerstown,	283	200	16	1	10	4	320	5			12	2	285		430 00	1560 00	Hagerstown, do do
Abner R. Kremer,	2	Emmittsburg,	373	334	26	1	17	9	289	7			3	2	100		46 00	1110 00	Emmittsburg, Frederick do
Mortimer L. Shuford,	1	Resurrection,	129	60	1		7	3	110	1			1	1	40		14 00	510 00	Burkittsville, Frederick do
P. Allison Long,	4	Taneytown,	359	370	41	5	20	10	300	7		10	18	2	175		60 00	1500 00	Taneytown, Carroll do
Joel T. Rossiter,	1	First Reformed,	354	139	34	2	23	11	313	9			11	1	310		514 00	2743 00	Baltimore City, do
Nehemiah H. Skyles,	4	Jefferson,	306	250	13	3	8		306	2			5	2	225		251 00	900 00	Jefferson, Frederick do
Henry Wissler,	5	Mechanicstown,	318	248	15	1	15	5	277				11	4	135		69 00	1603 00	Mechanicstown, Frederick do
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	1	Middletown,	368	225	43		12	3	311	3			13	1	275		509 00	2000 00	Middletown, do do
Ambrose C. Geary,	3	Mt. Moriah,	180	65	5	2	7	4	175	1			3	3	200		130 00	925 00	Keedysville, Washington do
John G. Noss,	3	Westminster,	759	500	48		31	2	461	33			14	3	295		270 00	1375 00	Westminster, Carroll do
Anthony Shulenberger,	3	Mt. Pleasant,	119	78	08		12		104	3			4	2	120		42 00	969 00	Mt. Pleasant, Fred., do
William Rupp,	4	Manchester,	466	354	30	1	41	5	410	3			8	4	250		103 00	2440 00	Manchester, Carroll do
Leighton G. Kremer,	1	Christ's Church,	91	60	12	1	7	8	87				5	1	107		20 00	683 00	Hagerstown, Washingt'n, do
Marion L. Firor,	1	St. Paul's Ref. (Eng.),	121	55	9	3	25	21	115			1	1	1	206		118 00	3050 00	Baltimore City, do
Conrad Clever,	1	Third Reformed,	251	103	20	2	28	24	233	2			9	1	247		366 00	2579 00	do do
Silas M. Heneb,	4	Glade,	367	250	10	3	19	2	320				2	6	340		83 00	600 00	Walkersville, Frederick do
Charles F. Sontag,	1	Grace Church,	46	19			1	15	26					1	31			175 00	Washington, D. C.
Vacant,	1	St. Mathews,	27	30	2			27	23					1	35		3 00	600 00	Pleasant Valley, Carroll Co., Md.
George B. Russell, D.D.,		Without Charge,																	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
Orange E. Lake,		do do																	
Charles H. Coon,		do do																	
Jonas B. Shontz,		Prison Chaplain,																	
Henry E. Cook,		Licentiate,																	
George M. Zacharias,		do																	
Total, 28.	52	23	6227	4131	413	37	352	169	5249	95		11	175	47	4461		$4832 00	$31,888 00	

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms Infant	Baptisms Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Stud. for the Min'y	Contributions. Benev'nt purposes	Contributions. Cong'nal purposes	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William M. Deatrick,		Without charge,															*$ 18 66	$	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Isaac G. Brown,	3	Mercersburg,	348	328	26	3	11	8	325	3	0	1	4	3	195	0	259 00	805 00	do do do
George R. Zacharias,		Disabled,																	Upper Strasburg, do do
E. E. Higbee, D. D.,	1	College church,	21	8	0	0	0	1	21	2	0	10	0	0	00	1	39 24	4 51	Mercersburg, do do
John H. Sykes,	1	Greencastle,	226	150	10	4	24	6	217	7	0	0	7	1	90	0	133 84	1348 07	Greencastle, do do
Jacob B. Kerschner,		Prof. in Mer. College,																	Mercersburg, do do
Albert G. Dole,	2	Huntingdon,	340	100	13	0	5	8	293	16	0	2	4	2	220	0	180 47	900 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do
Elias D. Shoemaker,		Disabled,																	Bedford, Bedford do
Ellis N. Kremer,	3	Bedford,	324	226	13	1	16	9	275	11	0	0	6	3	155	0	344 00	1052 00	do do do
Milton H. Sangree,	3	Waterstreet,	351	170	14	3	10	8	345	7	0	0	5	3	230	4	327 00	1180 00	Alexandria, Huntingdon do
Henry I. Comfort,		Without charge,																	Chambersburg, Franklin do
Henry Miller,		Superannuated,																	Waynesboro, do do
Jacob Hassler,	2	Loudon; supply,	130	75	21	2	6	13	120	1	0	0	2	2	125	0	72 68	1000 00	Mercersburg, do do
David N. Dittmar,	4	St. Clairsville,	424	338	21	3	14	12	364	7	0	0	4	3	245	0	182 00	1005 00	St. Clairsville, Bedford do
David M. Whitmore	3	Friend's Cove,	249	180	9	1	1	2	231	14	0	1	9	2	200	0	347 00	2622 32	Charlesville, do do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Clover Creek; supply,	146	78	14	5	24	0	139	2	0	0	3	1	80	0	35 00	420 00	Martinsburg, Blair do
John M. Schick,	3	Orbisonia,	109	74	10	1	9	5	87	2	0	3	2	2	80	0	53 50	625 00	Orbisonia, Huntingdon do
William I. Stewart	3	St. Thomas,	179	174	14	3	5	2	159	6	0	0	8	1	144	1	137 88	683 63	St. Thomas, Franklin do
Isaac M. Motter,	2	Mont Alto,	171	115	13	4	6	6	138	2	0	0	6	2	290	1	290 00	900 00	Waynesboro, do do
David W. Ebbert,	1	Shippensburg,	153	60	2	0	0	3	125	1	0	0	7	1	105	0	60 41	1174 86	Shippensburg, Cumberland do
William C. Cremer,	1	Chambersburg,	301	220	10	2	7	5	230	5	0	0	2	1	280	0	215 20	1451 26	Chambersburg, Franklin do
William Aug. Gring,	3	Sulphur Spring,	154	160	11	0	7	6	128	3	0	0	3	2	100	0	38 17	466 75	Mann's Choice, Bedford do
Franklin F. Bahner,	3	Waynesboro,	386	250	28	1	9	16	294	3	0	0	2	2	250	2	109 35	2075 00	Waynesboro, Franklin do
Henry F. Long,	4	Greenfield,	392	395	53	4	29	4	357	15	0	0	16	4	371	0	48 10	658 00	Claysburg, Blair do
J. David Miller,	2	Martinsburg,	257	199	8	2	15	4	182	1	0	0	3	2	180	0	62 18	652 00	Martinsburg, do do
Henry S. Garner,	3	Schellsburg,	243	165	15	0	2	2	189	9	0	1	8	1	45	0	57 55	673 40	Schellsburg, Bedford do
Cyrus H. Reiter,	4	Woodcock Valley,	321	210	21	5	21	1	310	7	0	0	7	4	227	0	203 50	760 00	James Creek, Huntingdon do
Isaac N. Peightel,	2	Yellow Creek,	183	115	22	2	7	6	177	2	0	0	3	2	203	0	187 00	1596 00	Pattonsville, Bedford do
J. Alvin Reber,	3	McConnellsburg,	128	81	7	0	10	5	113	4	0	0	4	2	85	0	20 24	426 00	McConnellsburg, Fulton do
Daniel H. Leader,	5	Everett,	231	139	15	6	8	2	198	0	0	0	9	4	130	0	75 00	525 00	Everett, Bedford do
Simon Wolf,	3	Hickory Bottom,	169	65	4	3	20	3	148	0	0	0	0	3	207	0	60 72	279 50	Martinsburg, Blair do
John M. Titzel,	1	Altoona,	322	260	6	0	8	22	250	9	0	0	7	1	250	1	130 00	1000 00	Altoona, do do
William H. Herbert,	3	Grindstonehill,	178	99	6	0	7	6	153	6	0	0	8	2	170	0	22 46	650 00	Chambersburg, Franklin do
Vacant,	1	St. John's, Chamb.,	67	56	2	0	2	1	50	0	0	0	1	1	40	0	16 43	175 00	do do do
"	1	Middleburg,	62	37	1	0	5	0	56	0	0	0	2	1	35	0	15 10	125 00	State Line, do do
George F. Mull,		Licentiate,																	
John M. North,		do																	
Samuel H. Eisenberg,		do																	
Total, 36.	71		65[illegible]5	4527	389	55	288	166	5774	145	0	21	142	58	4732	10	$3741 68	25233 30	

* Collection for Home Missions at Meeting of Classis.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Benev. Purp.	Cong. Purp.	
Geo. H. Martin, D.D.,	4	Woodstock,	403		15	2	10		363	1			7	2	100	1	535 00	950 00	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va.
Henry St. Jno. Rinker,	1	Lovettsville,	122	95	4		4	1	84	2			2	1	65		84 00	627 00	Lovettsville, Loudon do
Sam'l N. Callender, D. D.,	2	Mt. Crawford,	208		11	1	2		188	2			2	2	120		144 00	600 00	Rockingham, Rockingham do
Vacant,	2	Winchester,	132	86	2		1	3	86				4	1	85		32 00	427 00	Winchester, Clark do
Henry Tallhelm,	3	Edenburg,	201		10	2	6	3	173				2				35 00	600 00	Edenburg, Shenandoah do
John C. Bowman,	1	Shepherdstown,	134	54	6	1	12	4	102				3	1	125		100 00	650 00	Shepherdstown, Jefferson W. Va.
John A. Hoffheins,	1	Martinsburg,	230	76	12	2	15	6	197	7			3	1	160	1	167 00	1302 00	Martinsburg, Berkley W. Va.
Samuel L. Whitmore,	2	Middlebrook,	164		9	6	24	3	140				4	2	100		25 00	425 00	Middlebrook, Augusta Co., Va.
Barton R. Carnahan,	4	Mill Creek,	254	68	9	5	9	2	231	6		2	4	1	65		55 00	1393 00	Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah do
Lawrence M. Hensell,	3	Rockingham,	244	28	17	5	18	5	199	1			7	3	200	1	60 00	1600 00	Cross Keys, Rockingham do
John C. Hensell,		Superannuated,																	Mt. Crawford, do do
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,																	Bridgewater, do do
Anderson J. Whitmore,		Mint Spring Mission,																	Mint Spring, Augusta do
Andrew J. Bowers,		Without charge,																	Columbiana, Ohio.
Frederick E. Vandersloot		do do																	Herndon, Va.
Ministers, 14.	23		2092	407	95	24	101	27	1763	19		2	38	14	1020	3	$1237 00	$8574 00	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Bencv. Purp.	Cong. Purp.		
George Wm. Welker,	4	Guilford,	381	200	15	9	17	5	300				10	3	150			467 00	Shaw's Mills,	N. C.
Jeremiah Ingold.	1	Hickory,	46	40	6		2	6	42				2	1	47		208 00	173 00	Hickory,	do
Thomas Long,	4	Upper Davidson,	203		23	9	38	1	155	4			4	2	175	2	140 00	105 00	Salem,	do
Jesse W. Cecil,	1	Moffitt's Grove,	41						41										Thomasville,	do
John Ingle,	3	Central Rowan,	139		21	1	3	2	109	1			1	3	140				Salisbury,	do
Jacob C. Clapp,	3	Catawba,	180	87	30	8	7		180				2	1	70		700 00	350 00	Newton,	do
Peter M. Trexler,	2	West Rowan,	290	211	22	2	3	3	260	2			2	2				330 00	China Grove,	do
M. L. Hedrick,	4	Lower Davidson,	214	98	18	3	9	1	214				3	2		1	75 00	330 00	Silver Hill,	do
John A. Foil,	3	Lincolnton,	210	87	14		10	1	193	4			6	2	55		113 00	250 00	Newton,	do
Julius H. Shuford,	3	Grace,	141	69	4		5	3	140	4			5	1	50		309 00	300 00	Hickory,	do
Robt. F. Crooks	2	East Rowan,	433	131	4	3	4	3	400	3			4	2	130	1	300 00	300 00	Heilig's Mills,	do
Total, 11.	30		2248	923	157	35	98	25	2034	18			39	19	847	4	$1845 00	$2605 00		

CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms Inf'ts.	Baptisms Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions. Benev. Purp's.	Contributions. Cong'l Purp's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Frederick Fox,		Without charge,																	New York.
Julius Fuendeling,	2	San Francisco,	197	340	107		9	54	135	17		20	37	2	538	1	$35 00	$2850 00	No. 29 Eleventh St., San Francis'.
Conrad F. Waldecker,	1	Stockton,	79	90	21		0	11	65			7	15	1	70		13 00	1700 00	Stockton, California.
E. De Geller,	1	Napa,	30	36	21		2		25				4	1	25			300 00	Napa City.
Total, 4.	4	3	306	466	159		11	65	225	17		27	56	4	633	1	$48 00	$4850 00	

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfir'd.	Baptisms Inf'ts.	Baptisms Adults	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schl's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions. Benev. Purp's.	Contributions. Cong'l Purp's.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Gantenbein,	3	Portland,	110	105	38			9	70			10	5	1	60			$800 00	Portland, Oregon.
Jacob Muellhaupt,	2	Salem,	45	33	7			5	35				2	1	15			500 00	Salem, do
Julius Lange,	1	Meridian,	27	26	3		2	4	16			5	1	1	25			200 00	Stafford, Clackamas do
Geo. Mechtersheimer,	1	Walla Walla Mission.																	Walla Walla, Washington Ter y.
Total, 4.	7		182	164	48		2	18	121			15	8	3	100			$1500 00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Holy Ministry.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congrega'l Purposes.
Zions,	31	80	9,797	6,555	688	33	389	128	8,393	106	2	43	277	96	5,893	4	$4,315 00	$25,302.00
Maryland,	28	52	6,227	4,131	413	37	352	169	5,249	95		11	175	47	4,461	3	4,832.00	31,888 00
Mercersburg,	36	71	6,565	4,527	389	55	288	166	5,774	145		2	142	58	4,732	10	3,742.00	25,233.00
Virginia,	14	23	2,092	407	95	24	101	27	1,763	19		2	38	14	1,020	3	1,237.00	8,574.00
North Carolina,	11	30	2,248	923	157	35	98	25	2,034	18			39	19	847	4	1,845.00	2,605.00
San Francisco,	4	4	306	466	159		11	65	225	17		27	56	4	633	1	48.00	4,850.00
Portland-Oregon,	4	7	182	164	48		2	18	121			15	8	3	100			1,500.00
Total, 7 Classes,	128	267	27,417	17,173	1,949	184	1,241	598	23,559	400	2	119	735	241	17,686	25	$16,01900	$99,952.00
Synod of the United States, 9 Classes,	211	433	67,935	38,498	5,290	377	3,740	1209	55,772	712	2	602	2,163	526	39,496	51	27,734.28	231,128.62
Synod of Ohio, 11 Classes,	149	296	21,000	9,536	1,030	386	1,216	660	17,562	346	19	387	379	231	19 100	16	6,834.00	101,753.00
Synod of the North West, 11 Classes,	157	240	24,054	17,180	2,334	59	1,593	1017	19,918	427	80	205	767	209	13,573	32	12,534.00	88,254.00
Synod of Pittsburg, 5 Classes,	57	120	11,093	8,065	891	89	671	329	9,369	229		75	251	99	7 301	13	6,457.00	45 600.18
German Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	44	39	9,503	5,695	719	1	652	316	7,302	135	20	115	296	39	6,355	4	3,802	63,533.00
Grand Total, 6 Synods: 48 Classes,	746	1,395	16,1002	96,147	13,213	1,096	9,113	4,129	133,482	2,249	123	1,503	1,591	1,345	103,511	141	$73,380.89	$630,220.80

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